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TEAM SUMMER A
BAN

HE'S AN EXPERT ON MEDICAL CARE. HE'S LOOKING AFTER KURUMI WHO'S PREGNANT.

TEAM SPRING
FUJIKO AMACHA

SHE WANTS TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN. SHE'S BEEN MISSING, BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO REUNITE WITH HANA

TEAM WINTER
TAKAHIRO ARAMAKI

FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYER WHO'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND ON HIS OWN FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS. HE'S VERY SENSITIVE

TEAM SPRING
HANA SUGURONO

AN OPTIMISTIC GIRL WHO LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT SURVIVING IN THE WILDERNESS FROM HER FATHER.

TEAM AUTUMN
KURUMI SHIKANO

SOFT-HEARTED GIRL WHO'S EXPECTING A CHILD FATHERED BY HER TEAMMATE RYUSEI.

TEAM SPRING
CHISA TAIAMI

MILD-MANNERED BUT STRONG-WILLED YOUNG WOMAN WHO DISPLAYS THE FEMININE VIRTUES OF OLD JAPAN. SHE JOINED HANA TOGETHER WITH FUJIKO.

TEAM SUMMER A
AYU

SHE'S AN EXPERT ON PLANTS. SHE'S ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH ARAMAKI.

TEAM SUMMER B
ARASHI AOTA

YOUNG MAN WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE. HE'S THE BOYFRIEND OF HANA FROM TEAM SPRING.

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WE ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND A HUGE METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.

ALL LIVING BEINGS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RACE, WERE ELIMINATED. THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, TOOK A CERTAIN COUNTER-MEASURE: PROJECT SEVEN SEEDS, FOR WHICH 5 TEAMS OF SEVEN TALENTED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE BUILT AND PUT INTO COLD SLEEP TO SECURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE.

THE AWAKENED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE SUDDENLY EXPOSED TO A SEVERE ENVIRONMENT. AS THEY STRUGGLED FOR SURVIVAL, THEY WENT THROUGH MANY PARTINGS FROM, AND SOME REUNIONS WITH, THEIR FRIENDS.

HANA, WHO'D BEEN SWEPT AWAY IN A RAPID STREAM AND CONSIDERED DEAD, WAS WASHED ASHORE ALIVE. SHE DECIDED TO LIVE ON IN THIS WORLD AND THINK POSITIVELY ABOUT IT, AND WHEN SHE SET OFF TO SEARCH FOR WATER, SHE REACHED A HUGE FOREST. THERE, SHE MET FUJIKO AND CHISA AGAIN, WHOM SHE'D SEPARATED FROM, AND JOINED THEM. DURING ONE OF THEIR SEARCHES, THE THREE OF THEM DISCOVERED A SHELTER. BUT THE ONLY THINGS INSIDE WERE ROTTEN MUSHROOMS AND SEEDS. AFTER THAT, MUSHROOMS SUDDENLY STARTED TO MULTIPLY ENORMOUSLY, AND THEY GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THAT WAS ABNORMAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, ARAMAKI AND AYU, WHO'D LEFT THE UNITED TEAMS IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR HANA, BECAME ACQUAINTED LITTLE BY LITTLE. AND THEN, THEY STUMBLED UPON TRACES OF HANA!

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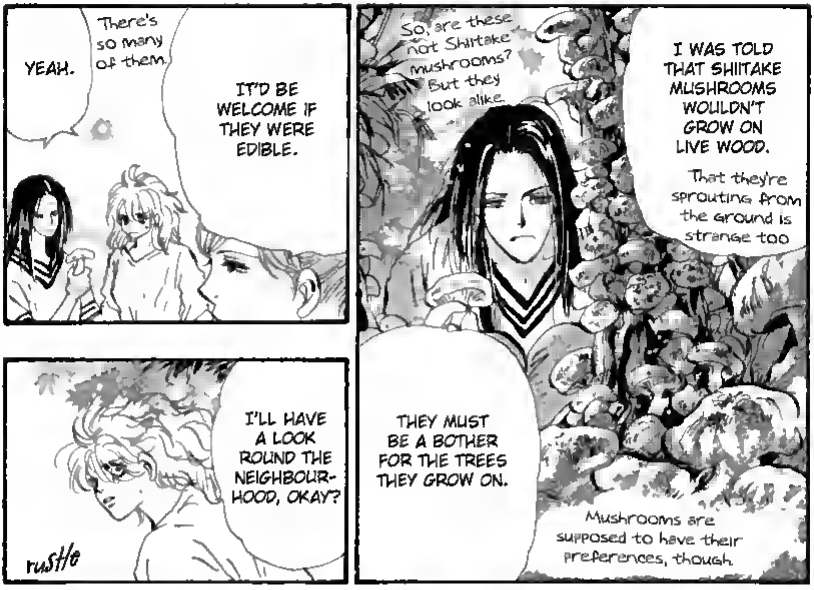
THEY MULTIPLIED AT AN EXPLOSIVE RATE...
THIS...
IS...
A BIT CREEPY INDEED.
BUT,
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT THEM,
It's huge, and really fleshy. It looks tasty.
THESE ARE SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS.
THERE ARE SHIMEJI-LIKE MUSHROOMS MIXED WITH THEM, THOUGH ..


There's so many of them.
YEAH.
IT'D BE WELCOME IF THEY WERE EDIBLE.
So, are these not Shiitake mushrooms? But they look alike.
I WAS TOLD THAT SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS WOULDN'T GROW ON LIVE WOOD.
That they're sprouting from the ground is strange too
I'LL HAVE A LOOK ROUND THE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD, OKAY?
rustle
THEY MUST BE A BOTHER FOR THE TREES THEY GROW ON.
Mushrooms are supposed to have their preferences, though.

crunch
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap

SPLISH
ALL OF A SUDDEN,
EVERYTHING IS COVERED WITH MUSHROOMS.
AS LONG AS THEY AREN'T HARMFUL TO THE TREES, IT'S OKAY.
I wonder what will become of them
hop
I didn't notice any in this area until yesterday
EVEN THIS GUARDIAN-LIKE BIG TREE...
IS CROWDED WITH MUSHROOMS...
The wrap-around leaves too

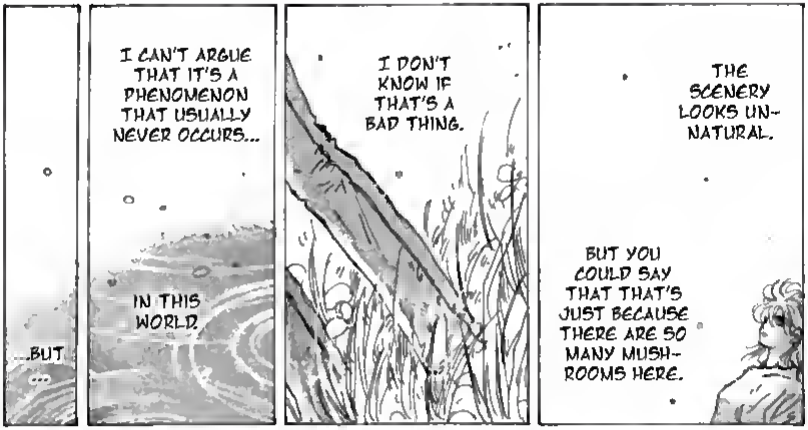
DID THEY MOVE?
NO, THEY DIDN'T.

THERE AREN'T ANY ANIMALS...
AT THE WATER PLACE.

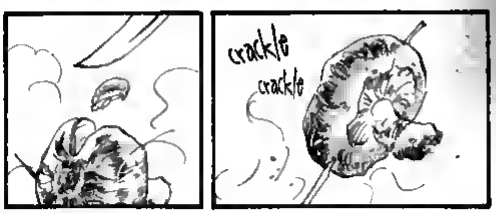
THEY'RE HIDING
WHY ...?

I HAVE ...
A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

IT'S QUIET.


...BUT ...
I CAN'T ARGUE THAT IT'S A PHENOMENON THAT USUALLY NEVER OCCURS...
IN THIS WORLD.
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A BAD THING.
THE SCENERY LOOKS UN-NATURAL.
BUT YOU COULD SAY THAT THAT'S JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY MUSH-ROOMS HERE.

IT'S QUIET.


crackle
crackle

She can be so stubborn.
SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULDN'T KNOW IT IF SHE DIDN'T TASTE IT.
I gave it some thought
WELL,
WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS KIND OF THING EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE.
We've become a little more timid lately, though.
WHAT IF IT'S VIRULENTLY POISONOUS?
IT WAS ONLY A TINY PIECE.
FUJIKO-CHAN!
Munch
YOU'RE RIGHT...
Yanagi-san laid it down though
Team spring's rule No.1
WE WANTED TO EAT OURSELVES.
Now that she mentions it
WE HAD A RULE TO GET AND TASTE THE THINGS...
BUT EVEN MY FATHER SAID...
TO NOT TOUCH MUSHROOMS IN THE MOUNTAINS.
BUT HANA,
I'M FINE.
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW YOU DO THE NEXT FEW DAYS, FUJIKO-CHAN.
IF YOU FEEL STRANGE, YOU HAVE TO THROW UP AT ONCE.
THERE ARE MUSHROOMS WHOSE SYMPTOMS ONLY SHOW AFTER A FEW DAYS.

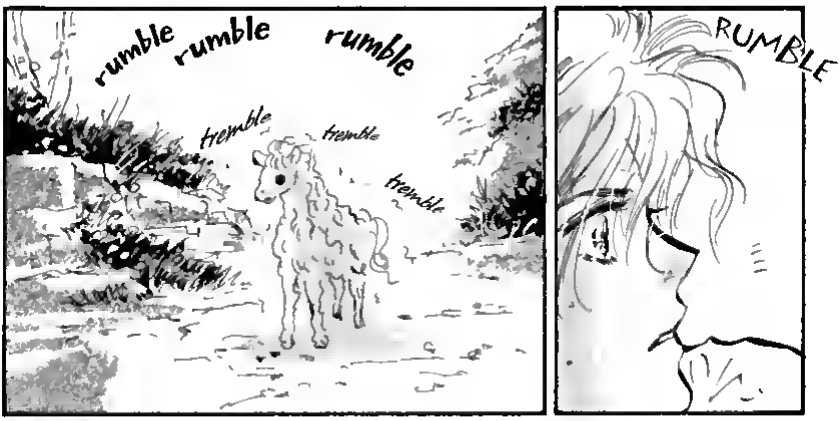
JUDG-
ING...
FROM
ITS TASTE,
SMELL
AND BITE,
THIS IS A
SHIITAKE
MUSHROOM
...
AS WE
KNOW IT.
WHEN SHE
SAW THOSE
MUSHROOMS
IN THAT
SHELTER...
SHIITAKE
MUSH-
ROOMS!
SHE SAID
THAT RIGHT
AWAY TOO.
FUJIKO-
CHAN, ARE
YOU WELL
UP ON
SHIITAKE
MUSH-
ROOMS?
Oh.
COME
TO THINK
OF IT,
You can
say for
sure,
right?
I STILL
CAN'T TELL
THEM APART.
If I see them in
a supermarket,
I know them
How
pathetic.
YEAH,
WELL,
MY
NAME,
"FUJIKO,"
STEMS
FROM
SHIITAKE
MUSH-
ROOMS.

BUT ONLY DURING MY CHILDHOOD.
MY MATERNAL GRAND-FATHER USED TO GROW THEM.
He's my Godfather
THE SHIITAKE MUSHROOM THAT CAN BE HARVESTED WHEN THE WISTERIA FLOWER BLOOMS. .
No
NOT FROM THE WISTERIA FLOWER?!
It'd fit your personality perfectly
IS CALLED "FUJIKO."
The other names are Haruka, Akiko and Samuko
THAN MOST PEOPLE.
WELL,
I'M SURE THAT'S WHY I KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM...
WHY THEY'D NAME ME AFTER A MUSHROOM OF ALL THINGS.
I...
USED TO WONDER...
THAT WAS PORTRAYED IN THE WALL PAINTINGS OF OLD EGYPT.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, THEY'D OFTEN EXPLAIN TO ME THAT IT WAS A VEGETABLE...
I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPY ABOUT IT.
Tee hee
WHY, DID HE MAKE A FORTUNE WITH LETTUCE AFTER THE WAR, OR SOMETHING?
MY GRAND-FATHER NAMED ME AS WELL.
Right.
THAT WAS ONLY ONE OF HIS REASONS.
Tee hee
THE SAME GOES FOR ME TOO.
MEANS "LETTUCE."
MY NAME, "CHISA,"

YEAH.
YES.
YOU TWO HAVE WONDERFUL NAMES.
NOW, I REALLY THINK SO TOO.
ARE NAMES GIVEN OUT OF LOVE.
NAMES OF IMPORTANT THINGS...
rumble rumble
HUH?
THUNDER?
rumble rumble
Uh
I WISH I'D ASKED ABOUT THAT.
I regret it now
BUT I WAS BORN IN WINTER..
IT'S CHERRY BLOSSOM, ISN'T IT?
Most likely
WHAT FLOWER DOES "HANA" STAND FOR?
Is there an interesting tale to it too?
HMM ...?
OLD EGYPT ...?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HANA?

clap clap
rumble
CRACK
Eek!
WHOA!
Eek!

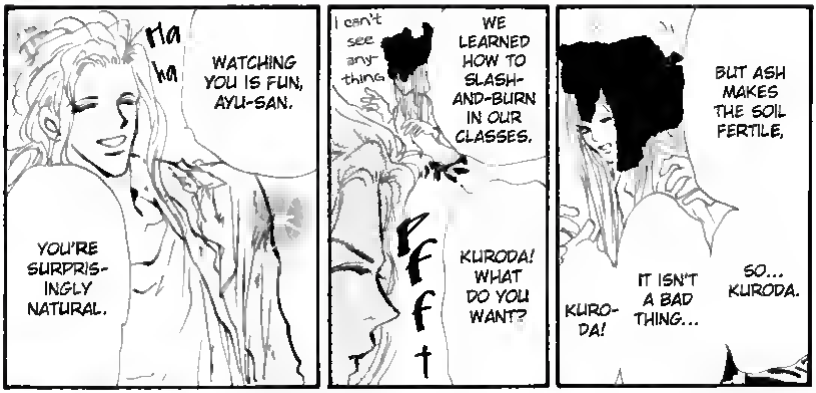
Even though it's clear
I HATE THIS.
IT WAS PRETTY CLOSE BY.
I...IT STRUCK, DIDN'T IT?

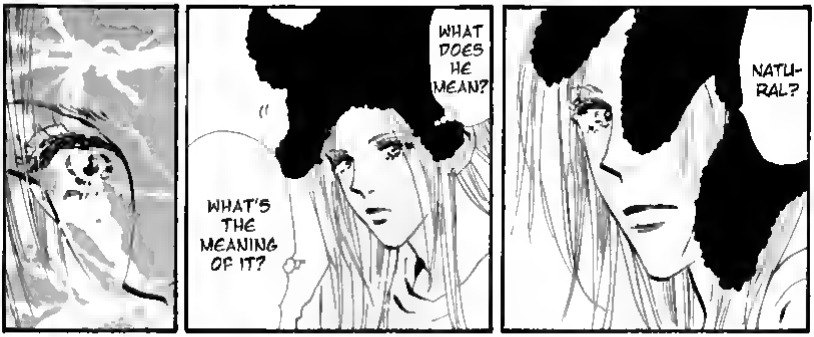

rumble rumble rumble
tremble
tremble
tremble
RUMBLE

ARE YOU SCARED?!
COME HERE!
Gop
Whiney
DON'T WORRY, IT'S OKAY.
trembletrembletrembletr

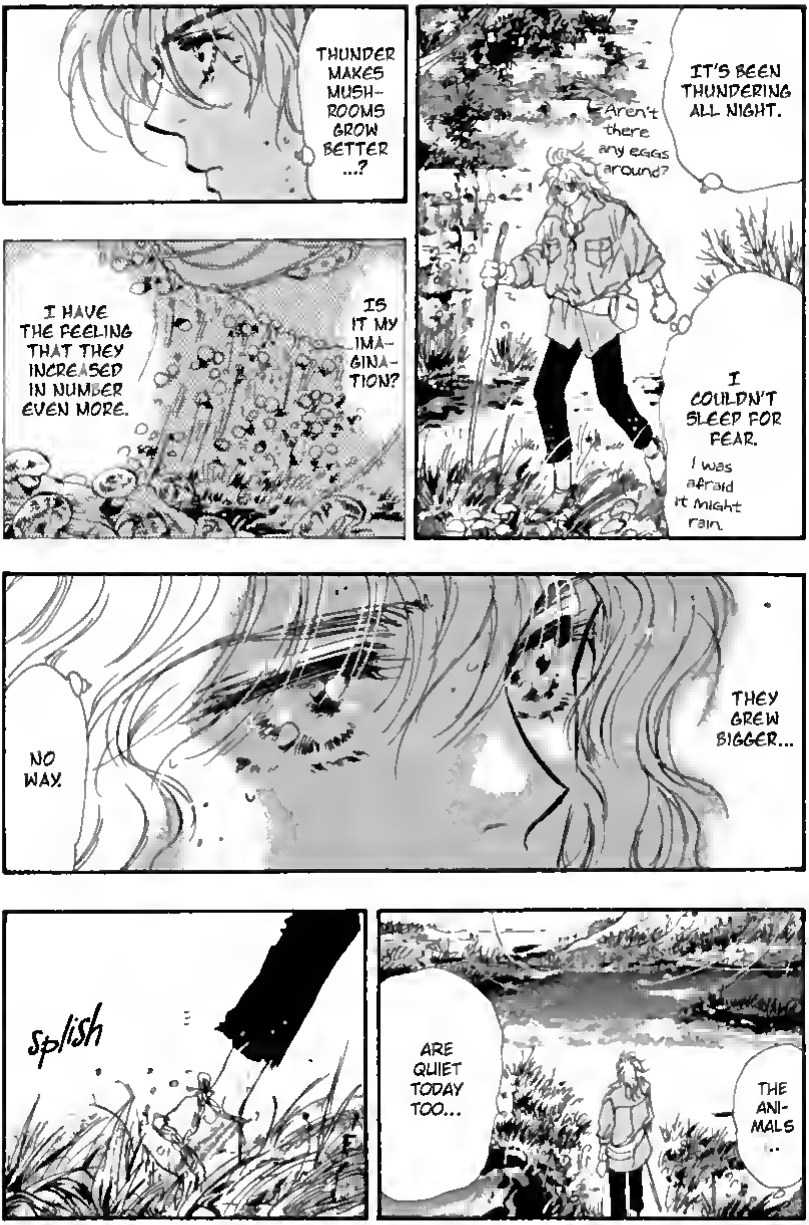
rumble
rumble
rumble
AH!
AND SQUAT DOWN
WE HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM THE TREES,
THAT REMINDS ME, SOME ARE OF THE OPINION THAT SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS GROW BETTER WHEN THUNDER STRIKES.
Experts on Shiitake mushrooms
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
We have to put our feet together to minimize contact with the ground, duck and keep our arms close to the body.
IS THAT TRUE?
They'll grow even more?
WELL, I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
OH.
Eek!
bounce
PERHAPS THE DRY SEASON IS GOING TO CHANGE.
IT WAS SHORT THIS TIME.
Huh?
THUNDER
THAT'S RARE.

FROM HERE...
WE CAN HAVE THE DOGS SHOW US THE WAY TO HANA-SAN.
Derek and Albert, I'm counting on you.
SHE'S ALL RIGHT.
THANK GOD.
HEY, KURODA!
Get off me!
IF HANA-SAN WENT ALONG THIS PATH,
ANY-WAY,
Let's take a break, then.
IT'S DRY,
EVEN IF THEY LOOK LIKE ROCKY MOUNTAINS THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF DRIED PLANTS AND BUSHES AROUND.
SO I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT FOREST FIRES.
clap
rumble
WE SHOULD WAIT TILL IT GOES PAST AT A LOW SPOT.
LIGHTNING STRUCK SOME-WHERE.
It's drawing closer.
THE FIRST ONE WAS IN HOKKAIDO...
STILL VIVID IN MY MEMORY.
IT'S...
HAS ONE BROKEN OUT BE-FORE?
A FOREST FIRE?
YEAH, A FEW TIMES.


Ha ha
WATCHING YOU IS FUN, AYU-SAN.
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY NATURAL.
I can't see anything
WE LEARNED HOW TO SLASH-AND-BURN IN OUR CLASSES.
Fft
KURODA! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
BUT ASH MAKES THE SOIL FERTILE,
KURO-DA!
IT ISN'T A BAD THING...
SO... KURODA.

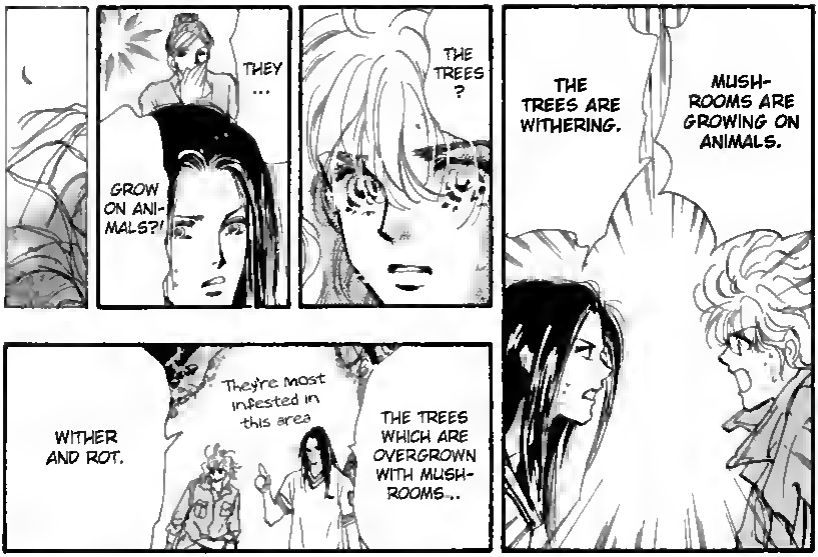

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF IT?
NATU-RAL?

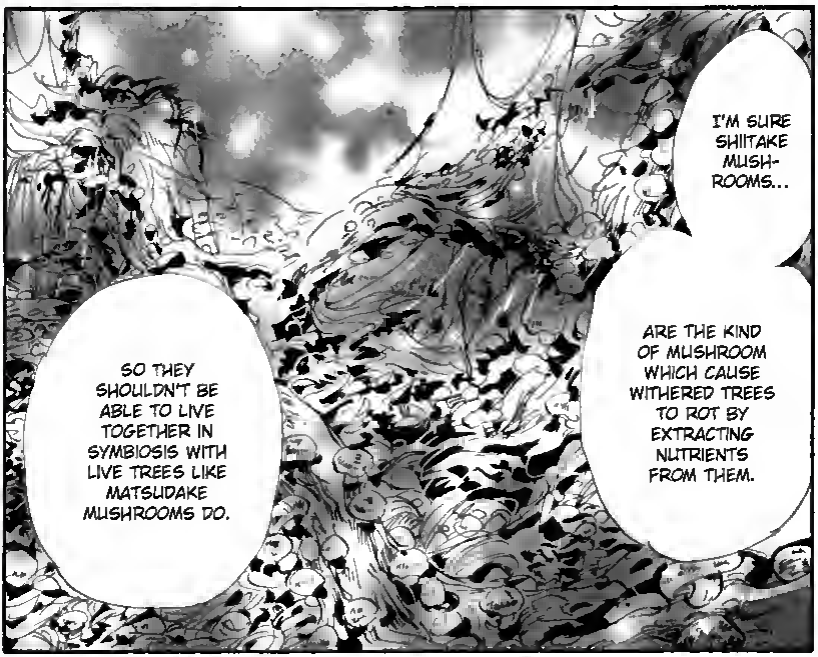
NO, NOT AT ALL!
THAT WE WERE A SELFISH BUNCH THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP WELL SHELTER-ED...
OR PAMPER-ED?
WHAT?
ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT WE WERE PAMPERED?!


THUNDER MAKES MUSH-ROOMS GROW BETTER ...?
IT'S BEEN THUNDERING ALL NIGHT.
Aren't there any eggs around?
I COULDN'T SLEEP FOR FEAR.
I was afraid it might rain.
I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THEY INCREASED IN NUMBER EVEN MORE.
IS IT MY IMA-GINA-TION?
NO WAY.
THEY GREW BIGGER...
Splish
ARE QUIET TODAY TOO...
THE ANI-MALS ...

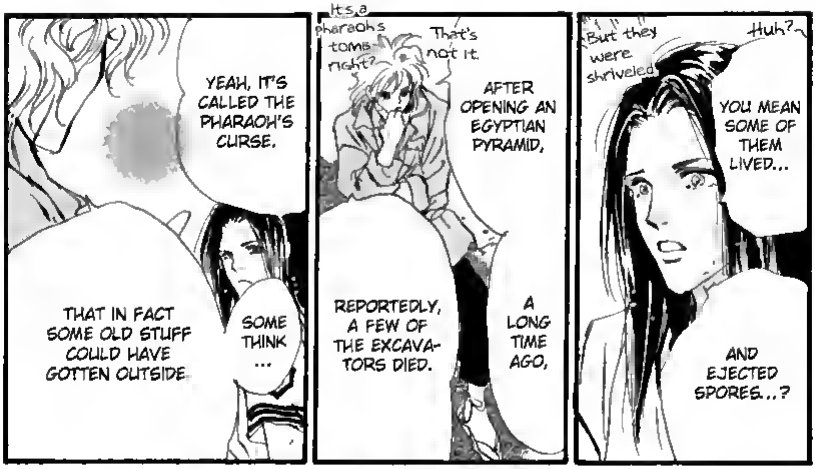
grunt
huff
huff
huff
grunt
splash
Gah!
A CROCO-DILE?!
splash
grunt
huff
huff

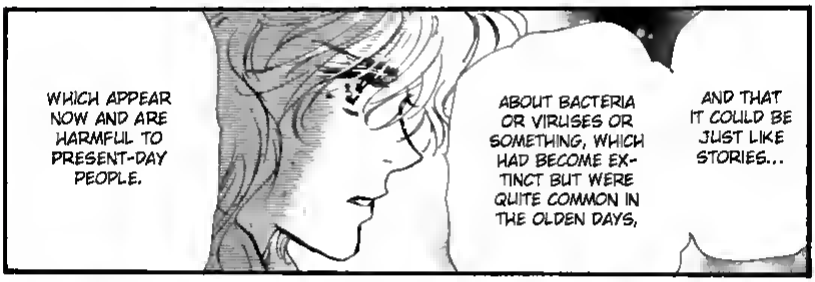
pant
pant
croak
pant
kuff
huff
HANA-CHAN,
GUYS...
IT'S HORRI-BLE!
IT'S HORRI-BLE!


THEY ...
GROW ON ANI-MALS?!
THE TREES ?
THE TREES ARE WITHERING.
MUSH-ROOMS ARE GROWING ON ANIMALS.
WITHER AND ROT.
They're most infested in this area
THE TREES WHICH ARE OVERGROWN WITH MUSH-ROOMS...


I'M SURE SHIITAKE MUSH-ROOMS...
ARE THE KIND OF MUSHROOM WHICH CAUSE WITHERED TREES TO ROT BY EXTRACTING NUTRIENTS FROM THEM.
SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER IN SYMBIOSIS WITH LIVE TREES LIKE MATSUDAKE MUSHROOMS DO.

whinny
WHAT ABOUT YOU ...?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
ARE MUSH-ROOMS GROWING ON YOU?
FUJIKO-CHAN, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'M FINE.
BUT STILL, THEY GROW ON LIVE TREES...
ON ANIMALS TOO?
What the heck?
THESE AREN'T COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS AFTER ALL.
YEAH ...
YOU KNOW,
...THESE ...
MAY BE COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CHISA-CHAN'S STORY..
ABOUT EGYPT FROM YESTERDAY MADE ME THINK ABOUT IT.
THAT THOSE SHIITAKE MUSH-ROOMS...
ARE PROBABLY SOME WHICH ESCAPED...
FROM THE STOREHOUSE IN THAT STONE PIT...
PIT OPENED

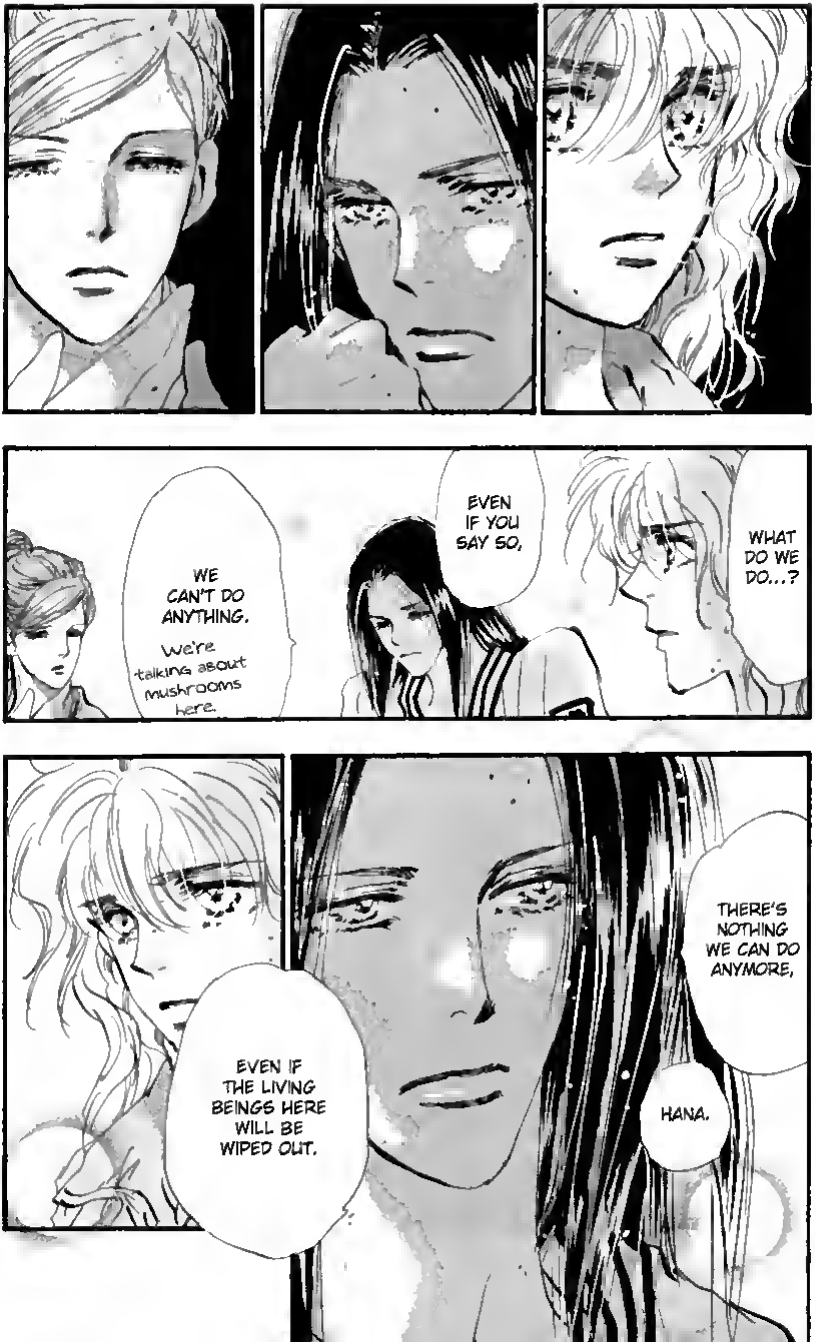

YEAH, IT'S CALLED THE PHARAOH'S CURSE.
THAT IN FACT SOME OLD STUFF COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUTSIDE
SOME THINK ...
It's a pharaoh's tomb, right?
That's not it.
AFTER OPENING AN EGYPTIAN PYRAMID,
A LONG TIME AGO,
REPORTEDLY, A FEW OF THE EXCAVATORS DIED.
But they were shriveled
Huh?
YOU MEAN SOME OF THEM LIVED...
AND EJECTED SPORES...?


WHICH APPEAR NOW AND ARE HARMFUL TO PRESENT-DAY PEOPLE.
ABOUT BACTERIA OR VIRUSES OR SOMETHING, WHICH HAD BECOME EXTINCT BUT WERE QUITE COMMON IN THE OLDEN DAYS,
AND THAT IT COULD BE JUST LIKE STORIES...

RIGHT?
IN THIS WORLD...
ARE A FOREIGN SPECIES...
I know what you mean.
YOU'RE SAYING ...
THAT COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS...

IF THEY ARE DISCHARGED INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MILIEU,
MANAGE TO ADAPT SOMEHOW,
AND ARE STRONG...
COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS.
THEY COULD EXTERMINATE INDIGENOUS SPECIES.

INSIDE THAT FREEZER IN THE SHELTER IN THE WEST...
SOME DANGEROUS STUFF IS SLEEPING.
IT'S NEVER TO GET OUTSIDE.
THESE ARE COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS,
SO THEY PROBABLY AREN'T ANY THREAT TO US.
AND WE...
LET THEM LOOSE...


WHAT DO WE DO...?
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO,
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
We're talking about mushrooms here.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ANYMORE,
HANA.
EVEN IF THE LIVING BEINGS HERE WILL BE WIPED OUT.

SHOULD WE EVACUATE..
TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE?
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THE MUSHROOMS WON'T GROW ON US.
YEAH.
LET'S PACK OUR STUFF.
sigh
IN THIS RESPECT,
WE'RE A FOREIGN SPECIES TOO.
PER-HAPS...
IT WON'T BE SO EASY TO ADAPT...
FOR BOTH SIDES.
MAYBE SOME-THING DIED OUT...
BECAUSE WE CAME HERE.
OR WE COULD GET KILLED INSTEAD.
I DECIDED..
TO LIVE ON HERE.
BUT...

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WORLD WILL ALLOW ME TO.

WHINNY

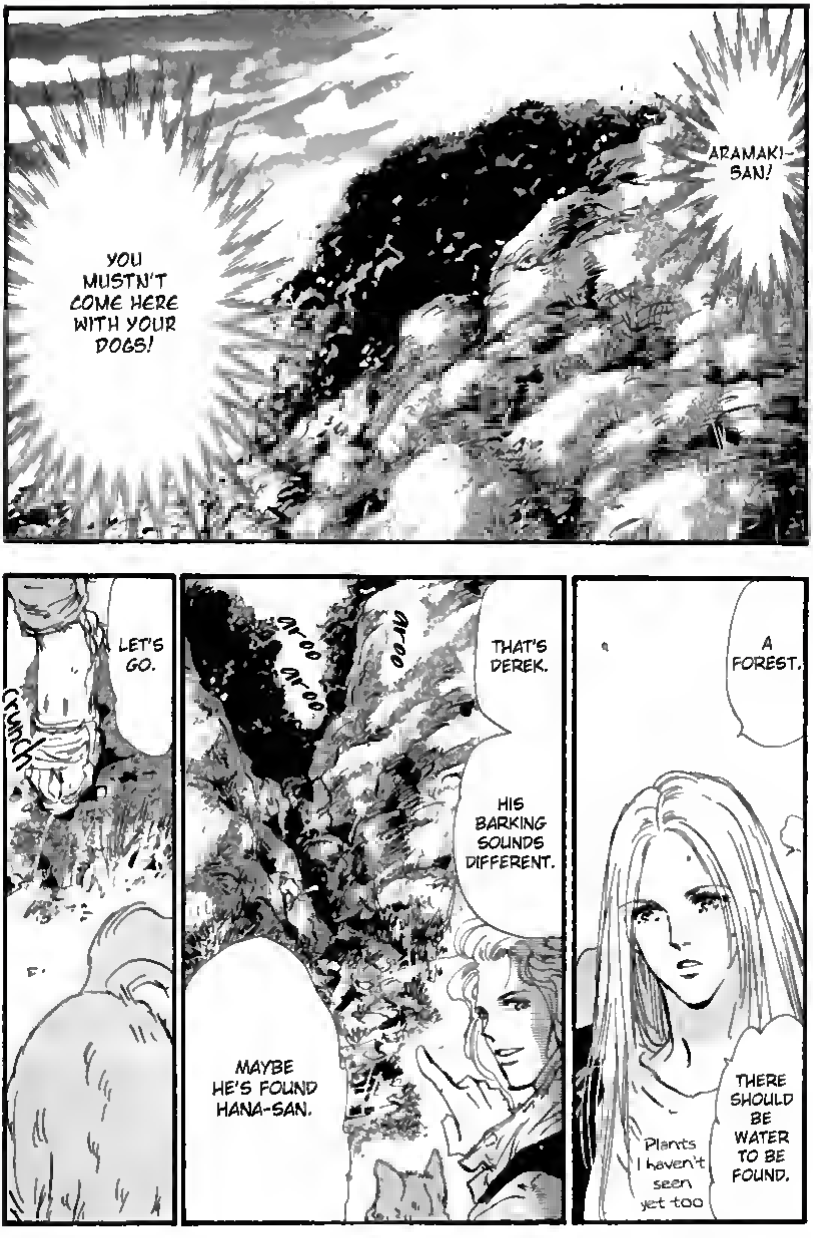
woof
whimy
whimy
woof
gasp
GET AWAY!
LEAVE IT ALONE!
WHAT?
STRAY DOGS ?!
HEY!
sniff sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff

dash
YAP
Don't come any closer
WH..
WHAT?
sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff
I've never seen any until now
ARE YOU OKAY?
THEY STARTLED ME.
DOES THAT KIND LIVE HERE?
It'd be sad if they bit us. We need weapons.
whimper
I WONDER IF HE'S CLOSE BY.
HUH?
ARAMAKI-SAN?
I've seen them somewhere
COULD THOSE ...
HAVE BEEN ARAMAKI-SAN'S... DOGS?

AFTER I WAS SWEPT AWAY UNDER-GROUND
MAYBE HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT I WAS DEAD
AND HE'S...
BEEN WORRIED ABOUT ME EVER SINCE.
PER-HAPS...
HE WAS SEARCHING FOR ME.
...NO.
.....

YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE!
AND YOU...
whinny
I'll try to follow the dogs
I'LL GO AND CHECK IF ARAMAKI-SAN IS HERE!
HANA!
YOU TWO LEAVE THE FOREST OVER THERE.
It's shorter
YOU CAN'T,
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
The dogs took this path
THAT ARE INFESTED?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE ANIMALS...
I WONDER IF THESE MUSHROOMS WILL GROW ON US TOO.

huff
huff
huff
OR WILL THEY DIE?
WILL THEY LIVE THROUGH IT?
WILL WITHER TOO, WON'T IT?!
I'M SORRY.
I'M SO SORRY.
IDOL-LIKE TREE?
THAT BIG...


ARAMAKI-SAN!
YOU MUSTN'T COME HERE WITH YOUR DOGS!
A FOREST.
THERE SHOULD BE WATER TO BE FOUND.
Plants I haven't seen yet too
THAT'S DEREK.
HIS BARKING SOUNDS DIFFERENT.
MAYBE HE'S FOUND HANA-SAN.
BWOO
OO-OO-OO
LET'S GO.
CRUNCH

stop
FU-BUKI,
COME ON, LET'S GO
MITSURU-SAN,
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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CRACK
LIGHT-NING STRUCK AGAIN!
IT'S DRAWING NEARER.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YOU'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU?
FUBUKI, MITSURU-SAN,

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RUMBLE
CLAP
RUMBLE
Eek!
squish
rumble
rumble
huff
Uh
huff
Uh
THAT WAS A MIS TAKE
Man,
I'M SO STUPID!
squish
huff
huff
Ah...
NO...
huff
Splish
huff
huff
huff

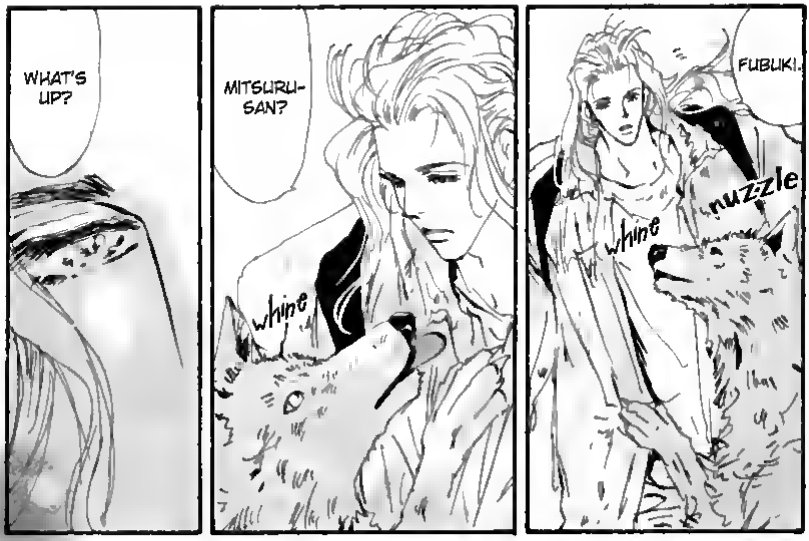
FUJI-KO-CHAN!
CHISA-CHAN!
HANA!
WAIT FOR US, HANA!
I NEED...
TO GO BACK
squish
squish
squish
HANA!
THEY CAME AFTER ME.
LET'S STAY TOGETHER!

OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
I MESSED UP AGAIN.
WE MUSTN'T SEPARATE.
SORRY.
I'M REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKE...
huff
huff
huff
huff
Phew
HANA,
YOU'RE ...
QUICK ON YOUR FEET...
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T RUN AROUND OUT HERE ON YOUR OWN.
WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT US,
ONCE WE LOSE SIGHT OF EACH OTHER,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THERE'S NO KNOWING IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN ANYTIME SOON.
Because we don't have any meeting place or way to get in touch.
I hate that.
OKAY.
LET'S SEARCH FOR ARAMAKI-SAN TOGETHER.
Whiny
LET'S STAY TOGETHER.

WE HAVE TO LEAVE THIS FOREST AND WARN ARAMAKI-SAN...
ABOUT THOSE MUSH-ROOMS.
LET'S GO.
BECAUSE IT'S A WORLD LIKE THIS.

BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF CROCODILE-LIKE BEASTS AROUND, SO WATCH YOUR STEPS.
WE WERE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN, AS IF BY A MIRACLE. WE MUSTN'T LET GO...
Wah! Where are they?
Eek!
BUT STAY TOGETHER.
OF EACH OTHER..

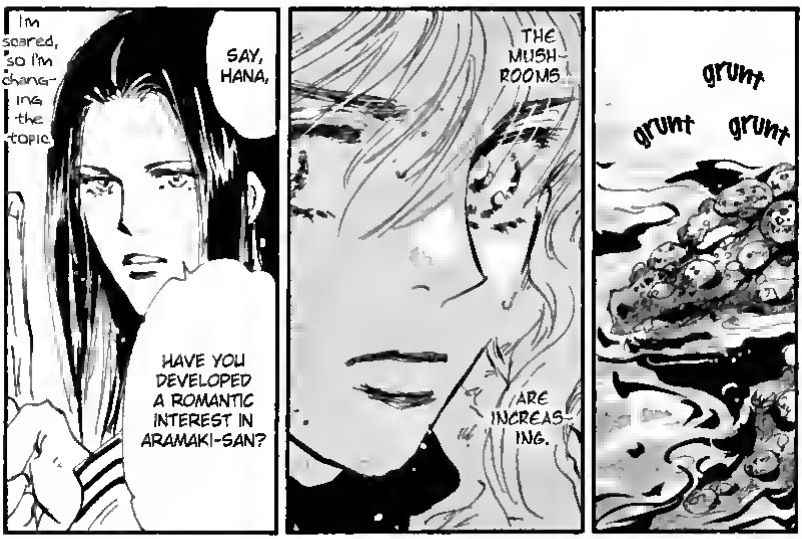
aroo
aroo
YEAH ...
DEREK ...
AND THE OTHERS ARE IN THERE TOO.
Derek is their leader so he went ahead.
Get off me
Are you silly?
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S JUST SCARED OF THUNDER.
KURODA DOESN'T SEEM TO NOTICE ANYTHING.
WHEN MY DOGS STOPPED BEFORE,
MUST HAVE ALARMED THEM.
SOME-THING UP AHEAD...
SHE LIVED
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HANA-SAN IS IN THIS NEIGHBOUR-HOOD
SHE SURVIVED!
NO MATTER WHAT!
I'M GOING TO GET HER BACK...

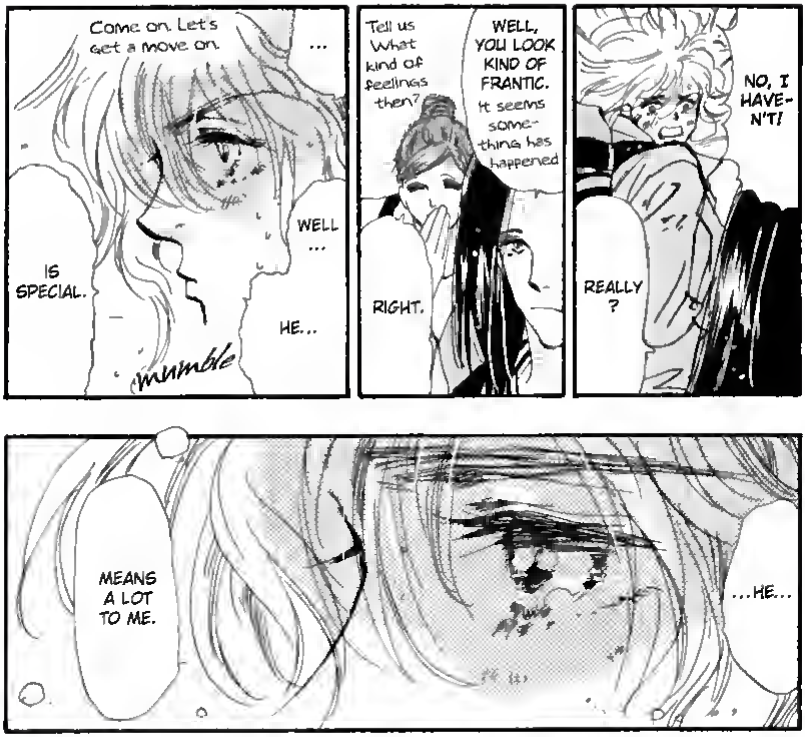

WHAT'S UP?
MITSURU-SAN?
whine
FUBUKI.
whine
nuzzle

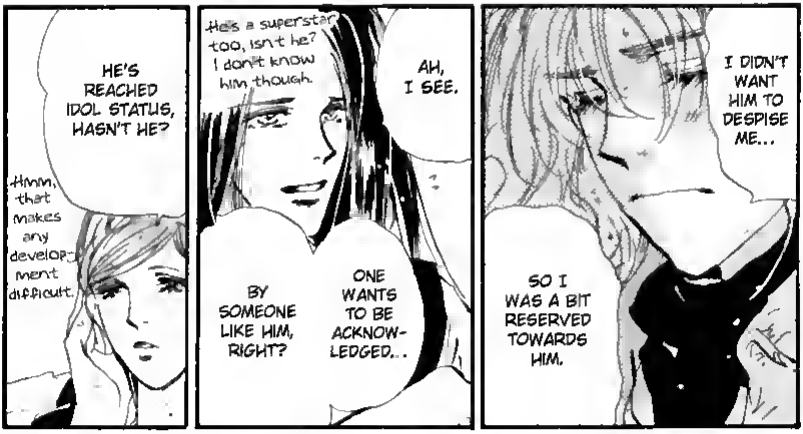
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

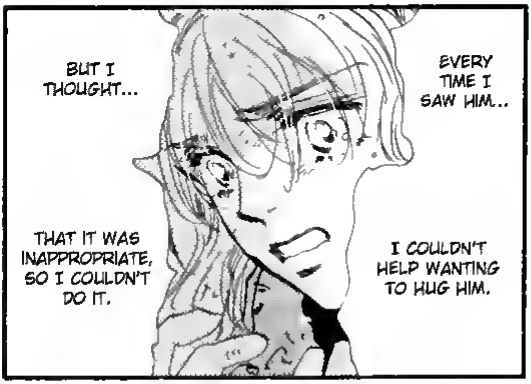
DASH
YAP
WAIT!
tap tap tap
FU-BUKI!
DON'T RUN OFF ON YOUR OWN...
MITSURU-SAN?!
rumble
OH, THEY FINALLY SET OFF
SO, LET'S FOLLOW THEM.
...WHAT ...
WAS THAT?

THE DOGS FROM BEFORE...
I don't know where they went anymore.
LEFT FOOTPRINTS HERE AND THERE.
IF WE FOLLOW THESE WE MIGHT REACH ARAMAKI-SAN.
IT WEREN'T HIS DOGS THOUGH.
I'D RATHER..
But one of the dogs from before resembled the one called Derek.
Splish

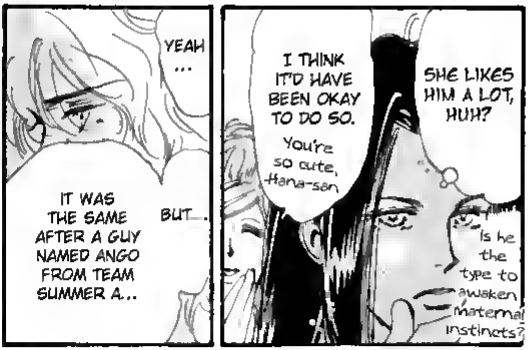

I'm scared, so I'm changing the topic.
SAY, HANA,
HAVE YOU DEVELOPED A ROMANTIC INTEREST IN ARAMAKI-SAN?
THE MUSHROOMS...
ARE INCREASING.
grunt
grunt
grunt


Come on. Let's get a move on
...
WELL ...
HE...
IS SPECIAL.
mumble
Tell us what kind of feelings then?
WELL, YOU LOOK KIND OF FRANTIC. It seems something has happened
RIGHT.
NO, I HAVE-N'T!
REALLY ?
MEANS A LOT TO ME.
...HE...
HE'S STRONG ...
AND KIND...
AND SO MELAN-CHOLY
AND DAZZLING ...
YOU SEE...
BECAUSE HE'S SAVED ME MANY TIMES...
AND ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME...

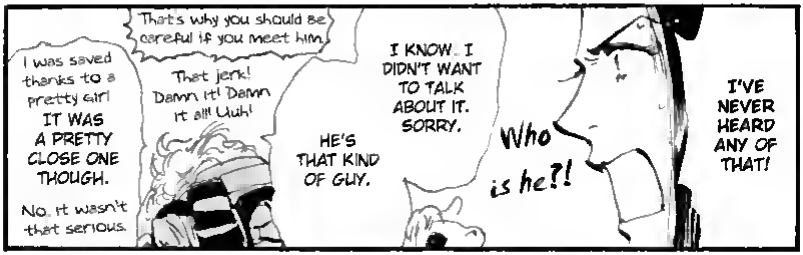

HE'S REACHED IDOL STATUS, HASN'T HE?
Hmm, that makes any development difficult.
He's a superstar too, isn't he? I don't know him though.
AH, I SEE.
BY SOMEONE LIKE HIM, RIGHT?
ONE WANTS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED...
I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO DESPISE ME...
SO I WAS A BIT RESERVED TOWARDS HIM.


BUT I THOUGHT...
EVERY TIME I SAW HIM...
THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE, SO I COULDN'T DO IT.
I COULDN'T HELP WANTING TO HUG HIM.

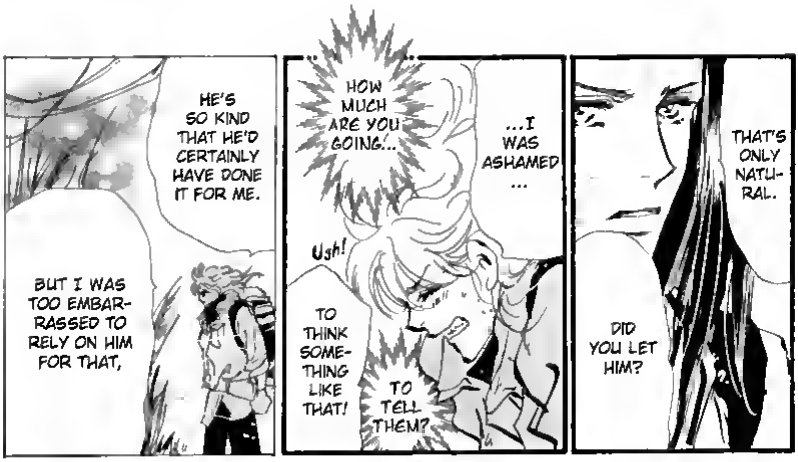
ON HIS OWN ALL THIS TIME.
ARAMAKI-SAN HAS MANAGED...
AND HE'S ALWAYS READY TO GIVE ME A SMILE.
HE'S HUNG ON AND HANDLED EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF.


YEAH...
IT WAS THE SAME AFTER A GUY NAMED ANGO FROM TEAM SUMMER A...
BUT...
I THINK IT'D HAVE BEEN OKAY TO DO SO.
You're so cute, Hana-san.
SHE LIKES HIM A LOT, HUH?
Is he the type to awaken maternal instincts?

WHAT ?!
HUH?
WHY DID YOU TELL THEM NOW,
ALMOST RAPED ME.
HANA ?!


I was saved thanks to a pretty girl
IT WAS A PRETTY CLOSE ONE THOUGH.
No, it wasn't that serious.
That's why you should be careful if you meet him.
That jerk! Damn it! Damn it all! Uuh!
HE'S THAT KIND OF GUY.
I KNOW. I DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. SORRY.
Who is he?!
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANY OF THAT!

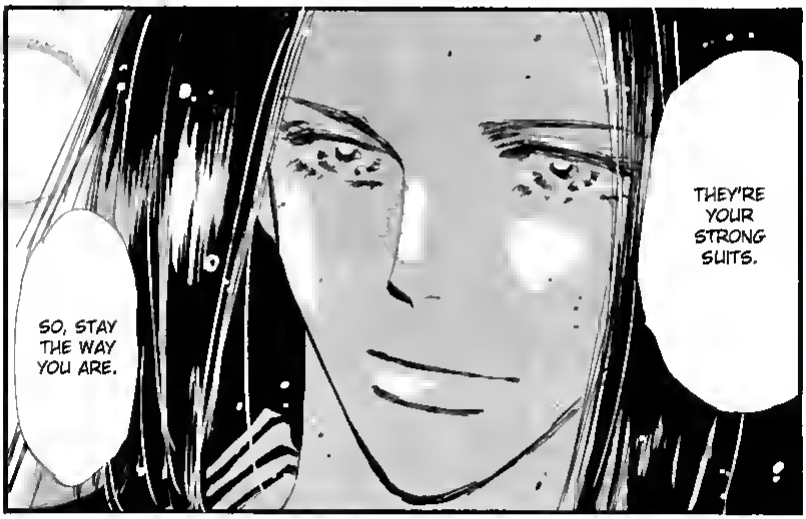
I TOLD THEM.
I WANTED HIM TO HOLD ME.
AND WHEN I SAW ARAMAKI-SAN'S FACE ...
AFTER-WARDS, I SAT ON A TREE ..
TO CALM DOWN.

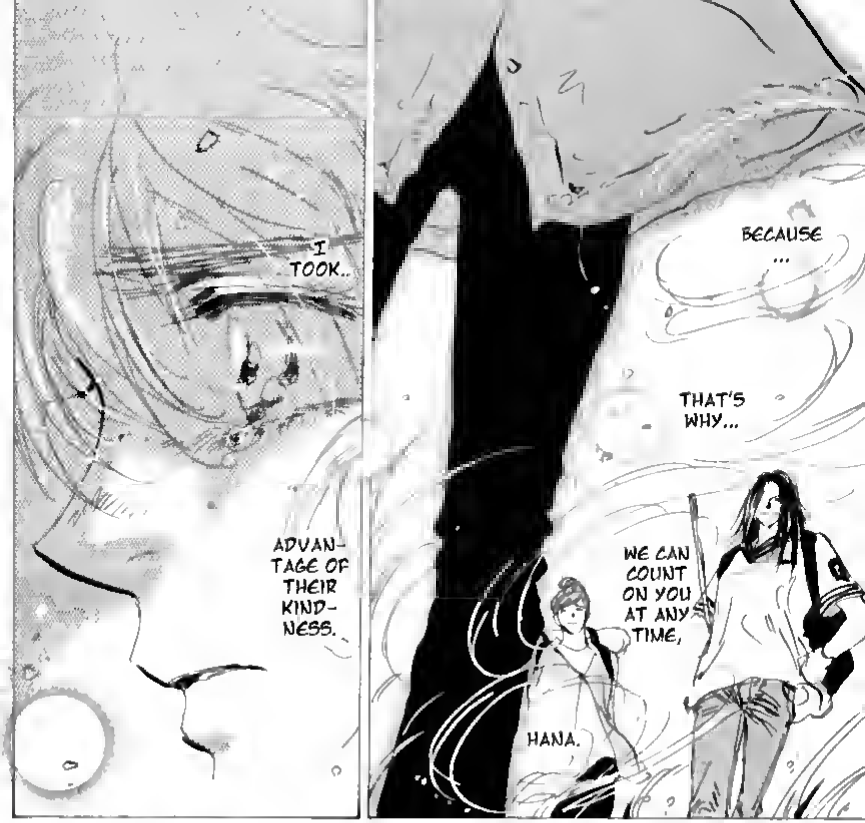

HE'S SO KIND THAT HE'D CERTAINLY HAVE DONE IT FOR ME.
BUT I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO RELY ON HIM FOR THAT,
HOW MUCH ARE YOU GOING...
Ugh!
TO THINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
...I WAS ASHAMED...
TO TELL THEM?
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
DID YOU LET HIM?

COUNTING ON THEIR KINDNESS NOW TOO, HANA?
YOU SEE
AREN'T YOU...

THAT'S...
WHAT ARAMAKI-SAN...
IS TO ME.
SO I MUSTN'T RELY ON HIM.
HE'S SPECIAL TO ME,
It's different with him than with (Arashi)

THOSE ARE YOUR GOOD POINTS.
Snort
UUH! Stop it.
You render me speechless, Hana-san.
YOU'RE REALLY ...
I KNOW. THOSE ARE SOME OF MY FLAWS
NOT TO MENTION SELF-ABSORBED.
SERIOUS, STUBBORN, PIGHEADED AND STRICT

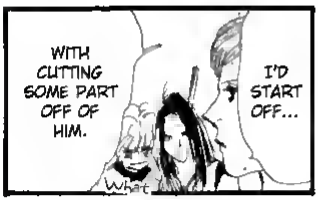

SO, STAY THE WAY YOU ARE.
THEY'RE YOUR STRONG SUITS.

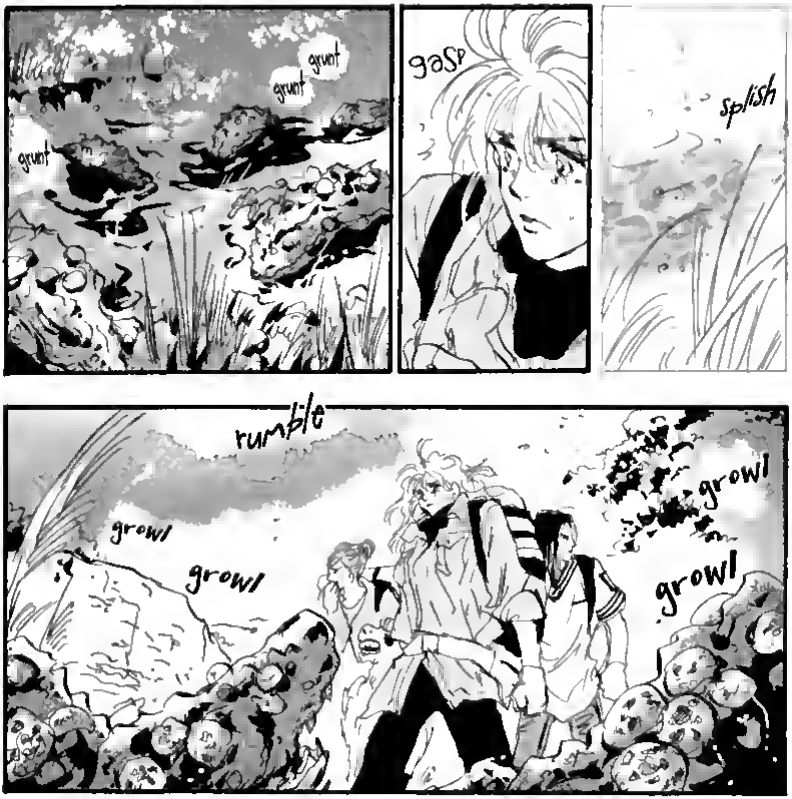

I TOOK..
ADVAN-TAGE OF THEIR KIND-NESS.
BECAUSE ...
THAT'S WHY...
WE CAN COUNT ON YOU AT ANY TIME,
HANA.

THANK YOU FOR CONFIDING SOME-THING IN US...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD FOR YOU TO TELL.

YOU HUNG IN THERE.
DID YOU GIVE THAT ANGO GUY A PIECE OF YOUR MIND?
NOT YET.
WHEN YOU MEET HIM NEXT TIME YOU TELL HIM FIRST THING!
Does he think he can get away with it? That bastard!
Damn it!

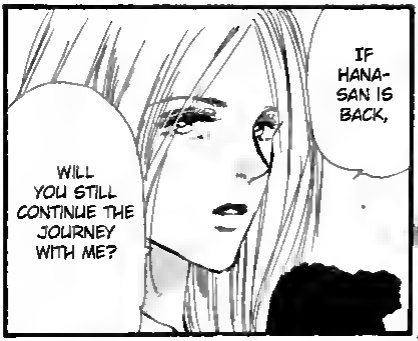
SORRY. I TOOK ADVAN-TAGE OF YOU
BUT LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING!
Uh Uh
THAT'S NOT IT! YOU HAVE TO DEPEND ON OTHERS MORE!
There are times when it's okay to have someone hug you.
TELL US EVERY-THING!
Even if you have a boyfriend

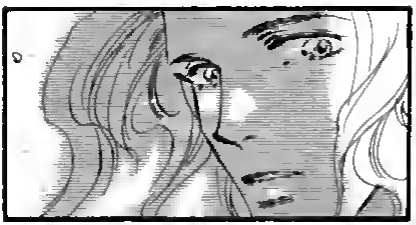

WITH CUTTING SOME PART OFF OF HIM.
I'D START OFF...
What Part?


grunt
grunt
grunt
gasp
splish
rumble
growl
growl
growl
growl

I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO DO IT.
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS
I WANTED TO TELL THEM...

THESE LOOK LIKE SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS AFTER ALL.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THEM.
After coming here
SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GROW LIKE THIS.
BUT STILL, THERE'S PLENTY OF THEM.
THE DOGS ARE GATHERING TOGETHER
IS DEREK CALLING THEM?
Because he's their leader
WHY WON'T HE COME TO LET ME KNOW ABOUT HANA-SAN'S WHERE-ABOUTS?
woof
aroo
aroo
woof
aroo
FUBUKI!
WHERE ARE YOU? COME BACK HERE.
Derek, Albert!
MI-TSU-RU-SAN!
DON'T GO TOO FAR AWAY!
PLINK
clap clap clap
SAY, HANA-SAN...
WILL RETURN TO THE OTHERS...
NOW THAT ANGO-KUN AND RYO-KUN AREN'T THERE ANYMORE, RIGHT?


IF HANA-SAN IS BACK,
WILL YOU STILL CONTINUE THE JOURNEY WITH ME?



YEAH,
I WANT HER TO REJOIN EVERYONE QUICKLY.
I'M SURE HARU WILL REJOICE, TOO.

CRACK
RUMBLE
Ggk!

SMOKE.
A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE END AFTER ALL.

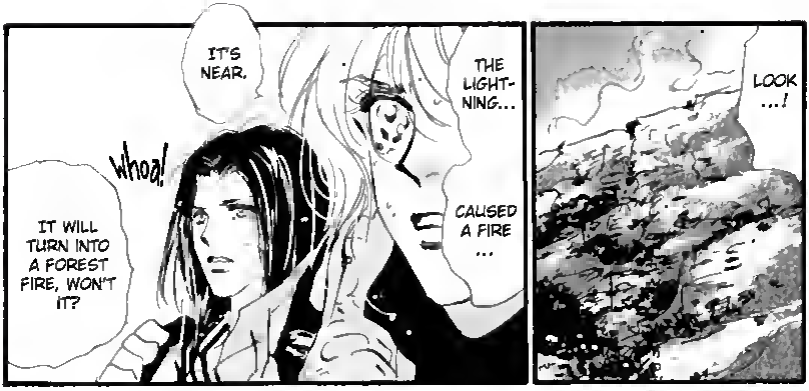
rumble
crack

THEY'RE FLOCKING TOGETHER.
That's unusual.
GIVE ME THAT STICK, FUJIKO-CHAN.
growl
grunt
MAYBE THEY CAN'T...
CAPTURE PREY ANYMORE BECAUSE OF THESE MUSHROOMS.
CAN WE OUTRUN THEM?
THEY AREN'T THAT AGILE...
SO WE COULD REACH THE OPPOSITE SHORE BY USING SOME OF THEM LIKE STEPS.
THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!
I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.
SO RUN WHEN YOU SEE THE CHANCE TO.
LEAD
YOU ARE SO...
I'M SO... WHAT?!

I'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR BOYFRIEND!
POUNCE
Splosh
splash
DOGS?!
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
OKAY!
I'll introduce you some day!
splash
NOW! RUN!
YOU'RE COMING TOO!
TO THAT ROCK FACE!

yap
yap
THOSE DOGS ...
Ah, that was scary.
JUST NOW WEREN'T THE TWO WE SAW EARLIER.
DID THEY RESCUE US..?
hah
hah
hah
There she is.
Found her
yap
YOU GUYS...
YOU'RE FUBUKI...
AND MITSURU-SAN, AREN'T YOU?

THANK YOU...
Don't mention it
Long time no see
FOR SAVING US.
HUH?
THE DOGS THAT NEVER LEAVE ARAMKI-SAN'S SIDE?
So, it's true.
SO,
ARAMAKI-SAN...
REALLY IS CLOSE BY.
HE CAME TO SEARCH FOR ME.
LET'S GO.
THESE TWO WANT TO GUIDE US.
GREAT!
tug
tug
tug
tug
BUT!
gasp


IT'S NEAR.
THE LIGHT-NING...
CAUSED A FIRE ...
Whoa!
IT WILL TURN INTO A FOREST FIRE, WON'T IT?
LOOK ...!

yap
whine
whine
THERE'S WATER IN THIS AREA,
SO I DON'T THINK THAT IT'LL SPREAD FAST.

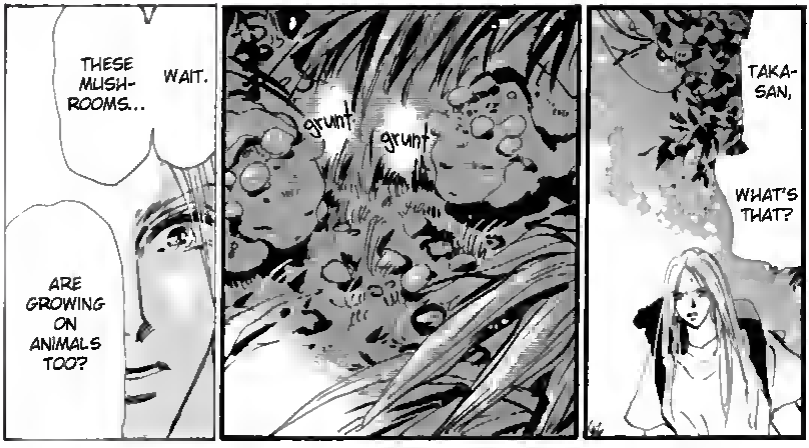
whine
whine
whinny

scratch
scratch
scratch
THEY'RE ACTING FUNNY ...

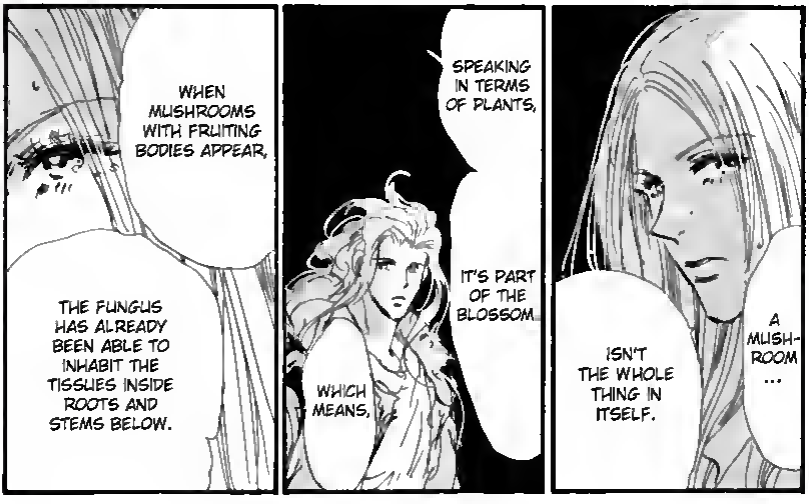
whinny
THOSE ARE THE TWO DOGS THAT ATTACKED YOU, AREN'T THEY?

scratch
scratch
scratch

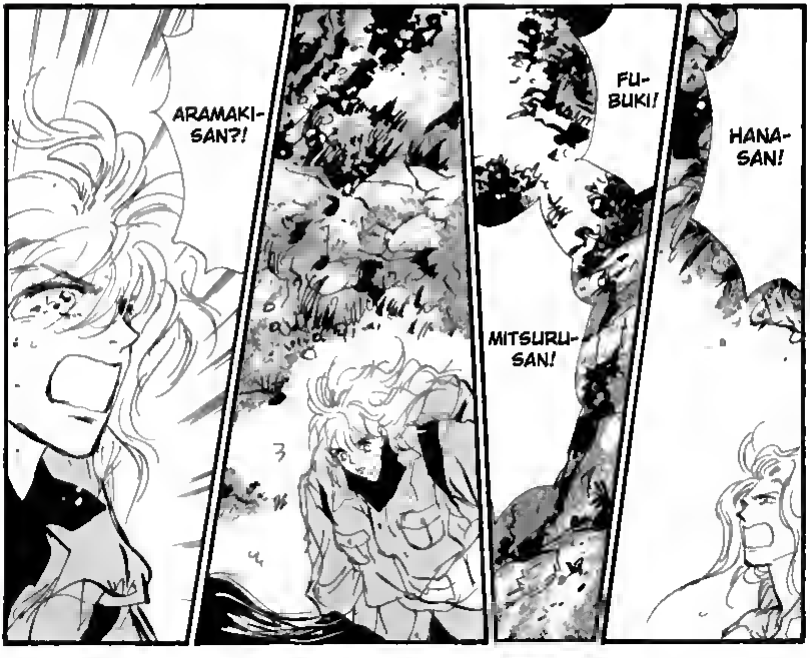
THE MUSH-ROOMS ...
ARE GROWING ON THE DOGS TOO
These are Derek and Albert
whine
whine
pant
pant
whine


THESE MUSH-ROOMS...
WAIT.
ARE GROWING ON ANIMALS TOO?
grunt
grunt
TAKA-SAN,
WHAT'S THAT?

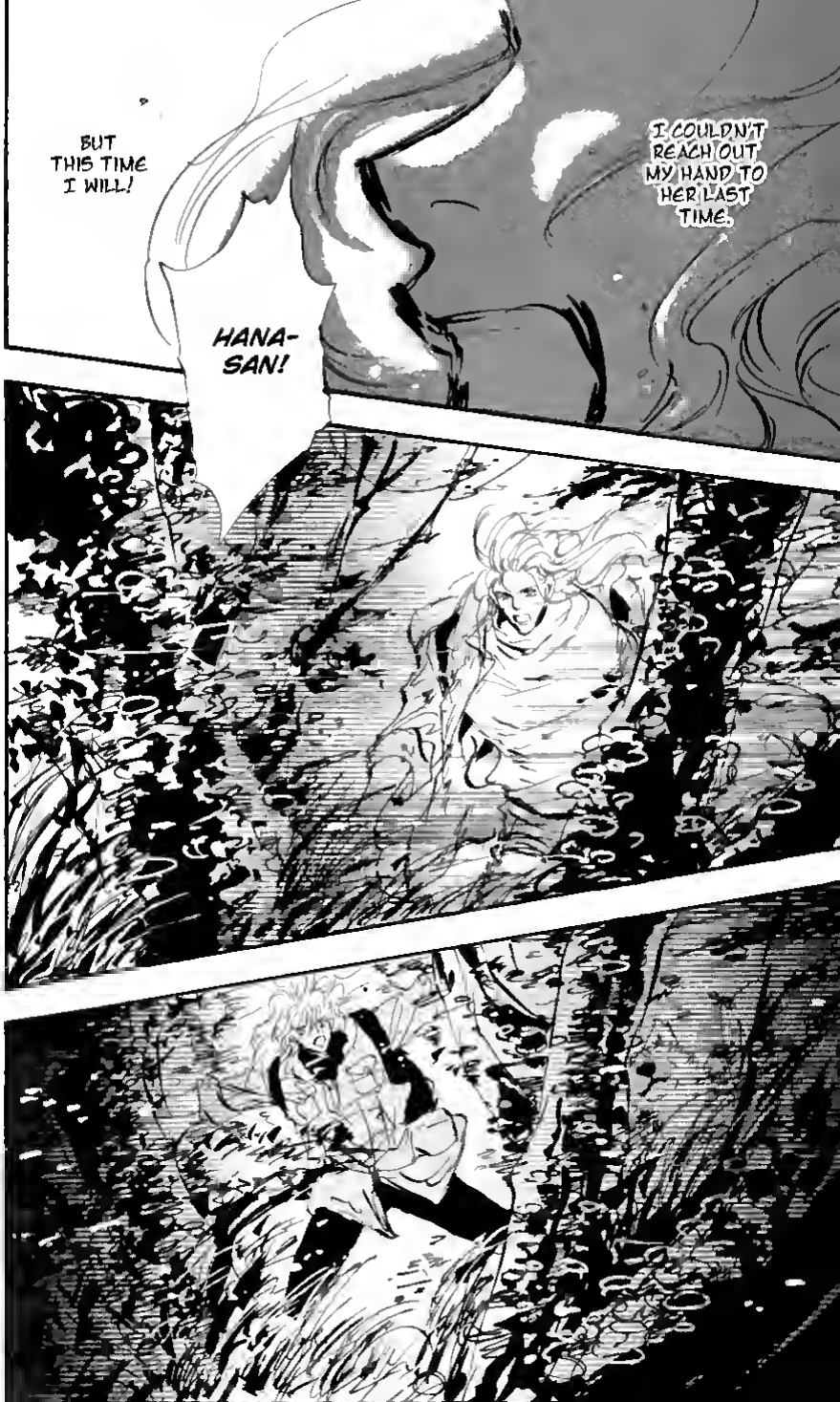
...TAKA-SAN,
SHOULD WE PLUCK THEM OFF?
THEY SEEM TO SUFFER.


WHEN MUSHROOMS WITH FRUITING BODIES APPEAR,
THE FUNGUS HAS ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO INHABIT THE TISSUES INSIDE ROOTS AND STEMS BELOW.
SPEAKING IN TERMS OF PLANTS,
IT'S PART OF THE BLOSSOM.
WHICH MEANS,
ISN'T THE WHOLE THING IN ITSELF.
A MUSH-ROOM ...

IN OTHER WORDS, THEIR HYPHAE...
HAVE ALREADY STRETCHED THROUGH THE ENTIRE BODIES OF THESE ANIMALS.
DO YOU THINK ...
THAT THEY'LL GROW ON PEOPLE TOO?


ARAMAKI-SAN?!
FU-BUKI!
MITSURU-SAN!
HANA-SAN!

SHE'S ALIVE.
HANA-SAN.
THAT TORRENT.
HA...
SHE'S SUR-VIVED...
HA, HA.
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
HANA-SAN!
HANA-SAN!
I'M HERE!
SHE SURVIVED FOR ME.


I COULDN'T REACH OUT MY HAND TO HER LAST TIME.
BUT THIS TIME I WILL!
HANA-SAN!

CRACK

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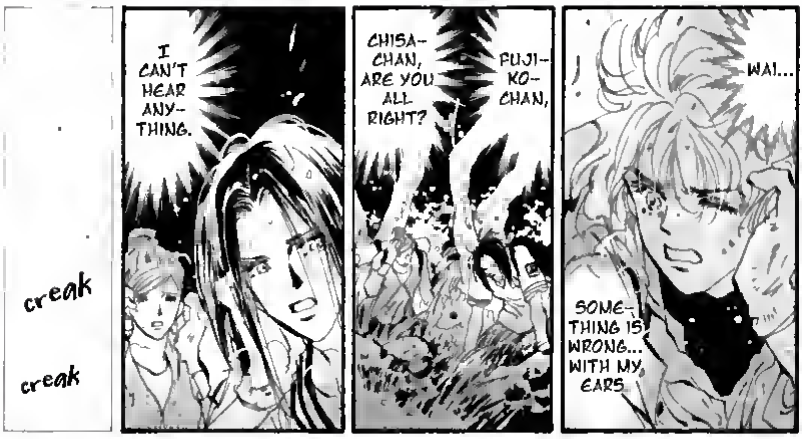
MUSH-
ROOMS...
ARE
GROWING
ON
THEM...
WAIT...!


creak
creak
I CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING.
CHISA-CHAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
FUJI-KO-CHAN,
WA!...
SOME-THING IS WRONG... WITH MY EARS.

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
creak
thud

RUMBLE
HANA-SAN!
...N.
... SAN.
CLAP

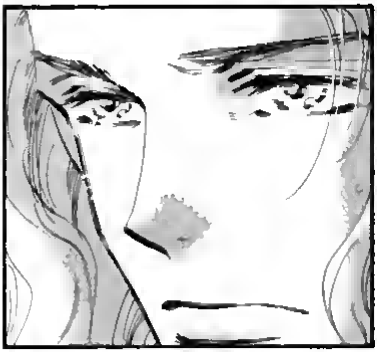
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
I'M OKAY!
HANA-SAN,
IT LOOKS LIKE LIGHT-NING HAS STRUCK SOMEWHERE NEARBY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HA, HA...
HA...
HANA-SAN.
YOU LOOK WELL,

FUBUKI AND MITSURU-SAN...
ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!

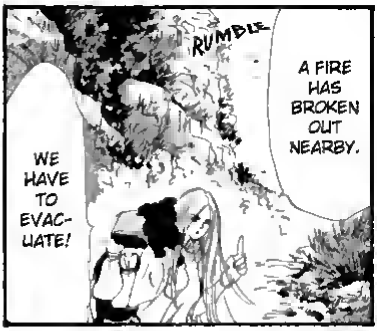
HELLO.
THEY GUIDED US HERE,
BUT THEN THEY RAN OFF...
MUSH-ROOMS ...
ARE GROW-ING ON THEM?!
I ALSO SAW ANIMALS THAT WERE INFESTED WITH MUSHROOMS EARLIER
HOW BAD...
IS THEIR CONDITION?
TWO OTHER DOGS WE CAME ACROSS ON OUR WAY WERE INFECTED AS WELL.
Hello
It's been a while. I'm glad you're doing fine.
THOSE ...
MUST HAVE BEEN DEREK AND ALBERT...
What are they up to?
FUJI-KO-SAN?!
CHISA-SAN TOO?!

AYU-SAN?!

I DON'T KNOW.
THEY ALL SEEM TO SUFFER.
BUT...



THERE'S SMOKE!

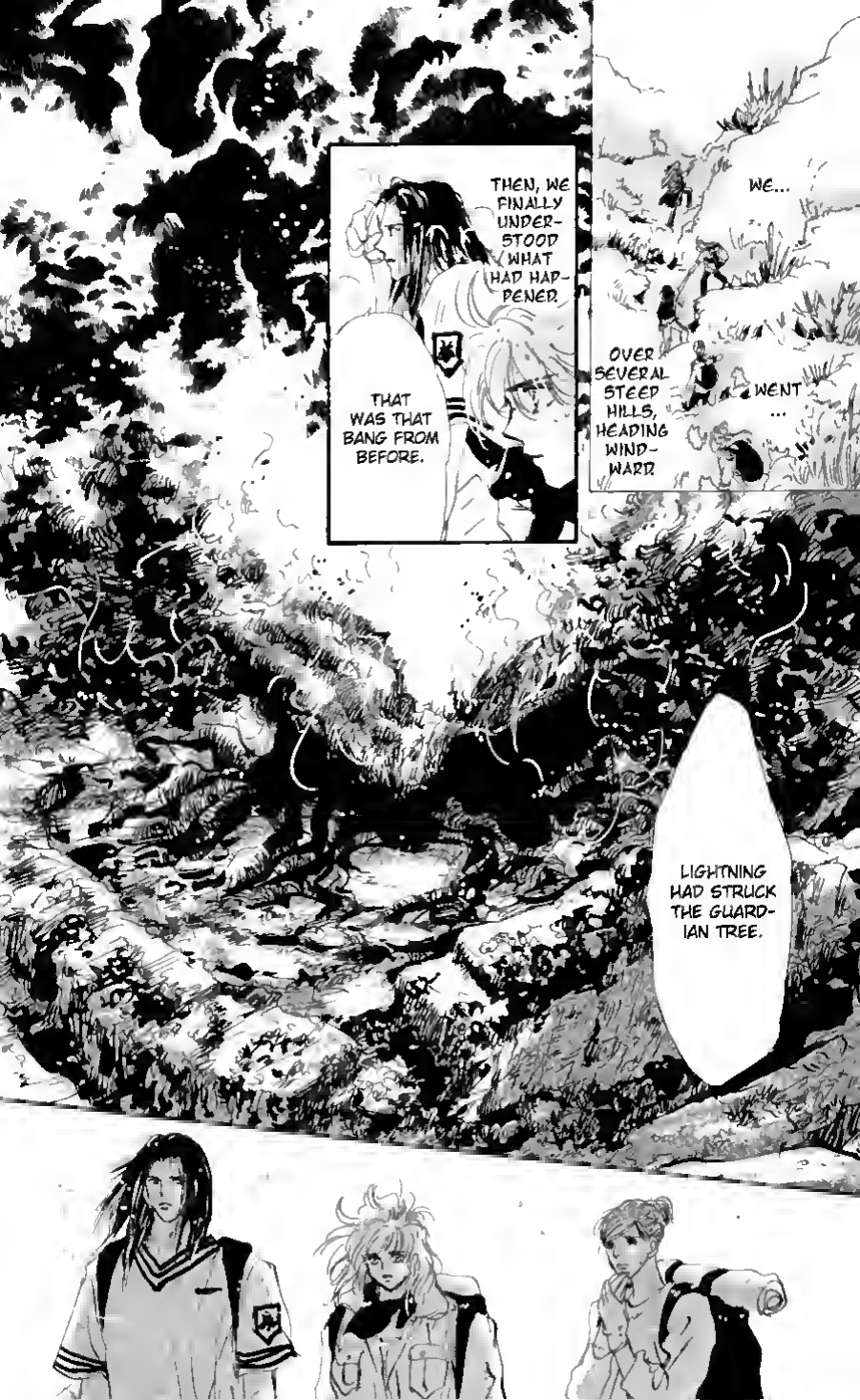

RUMBLE
A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT NEARBY.
WE HAVE TO EVAC-UATE!

THEY'RE TRAVEL-LING...
TO-GETH-ER...?
Don't worry.
NO.
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US
WE WENT ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER.
HUH ...?
DID ANGO AND RYO COME HERE TOO?!
I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU REALLY SURVIVED. You're well, and sound to boot.
YOU HAVE THE SAME VITAL FORCE AS MITES OR COCKROACHES.
YOU'RE AWESOME.
ARAMAKI-SAN...?
AH...
I THINK...
THAT AYU-SAN MEANT IT AS A COMPLIMENT.
Of course I did.

SPRING?
LET'S NOT HANG AROUND HERE BUT LEAVE THIS PLACE QUICKLY. THE SMOKE IS GOING TO ENGULF US.
SO, SOME MORE OF YOU HAVE SURVIVED, HUH?
THE TEAM THAT WAS MEAN TO YOU?
SHE WAS KIND TO ME.
And she saved me from Ango
AYU-SAN WASN'T MEAN.
WHO IS THIS POISON-OUS BITCH?
AYU-SAN FROM TEAM SUMMER A.
I'M CHISA.
I'M FUJIKO FROM TEAM SPRING.
TOOK CARE OF OUR TEAMMATE, HANA.
I HEARD YOU AND YOUR TEAM...
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'LL SEARCH FOR FUBUKI AND MITSURU-SAN.
GO ON AHEAD OF ME, PLEASE
The lightning seems to be withdrawing slowly too.
SHE'S TREATING US LIKE COCK-ROACHES TOO, ISN'T SHE?
I SEE. TEAM SUMMER A... HUH?
So this is what they're like. I under-stand you a little, Hana

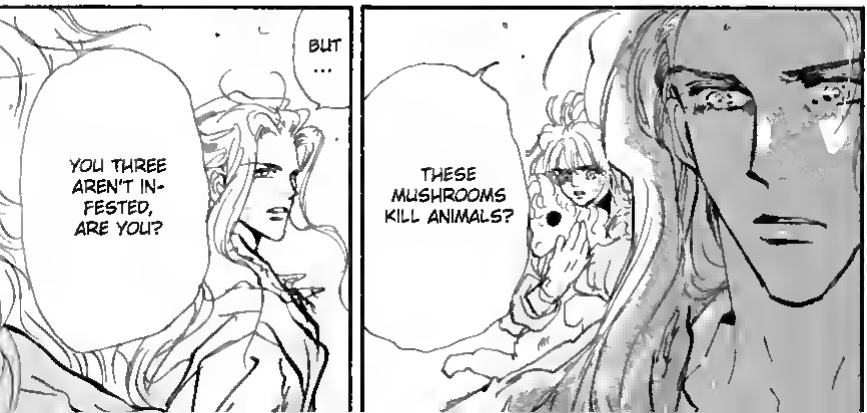
THE DOGS CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
WE'RE IN MORE DANGER.
YOU MUSTN'T!
TAKA-SAN,
TAKA-SAN?!
tweet
tweet
TWEET
FU-BUKI!
MITSURU-SAN, COME BACK!
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THEM BEHIND.

ONLY PUPPIES...
Yap
Yap
Yap
Yap
Yap
Yap
Yap
We were called.
I'm here.
Me too
SO THERE SHOULD BE A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM AROUND...
DEREK HAS ASSEMBLED THEM.
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
You're not infested are you?
That reminds me, Kuroda, are you okay?
Whine
YOU GUYS..
WHY WON'T THEY COME?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE GROWN-UP ONES?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THERE AREN'T ANY MUSHROOMS GROWING ON YOU, ARE THERE?
I HAVE TO PROTECT MY DOGS.
...FU-BUKI...

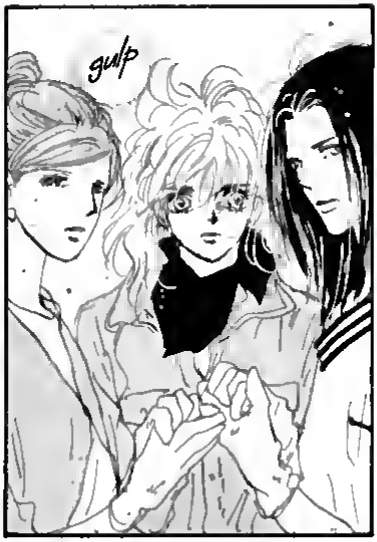

WE...
WENT ...
OVER SEVERAL STEEP HILLS, HEADING WIND-WARD
THEN, WE FINALLY UNDER-STOOD WHAT HAD HAP-PENED.
THAT WAS THAT BANG FROM BEFORE.
LIGHTNING HAD STRUCK THE GUARD-IAN TREE.

WAS ON FIRE...
THE BIG TREE THAT HAS PROBABLY BEEN STANDING HERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

whinny
YOU MUSTN'T GO NEAR IT!
whinny


YOU THREE AREN'T INFESTED, ARE YOU?
BUT ...
THESE MUSHROOMS KILL ANIMALS?

WHAT DO WE DO...?

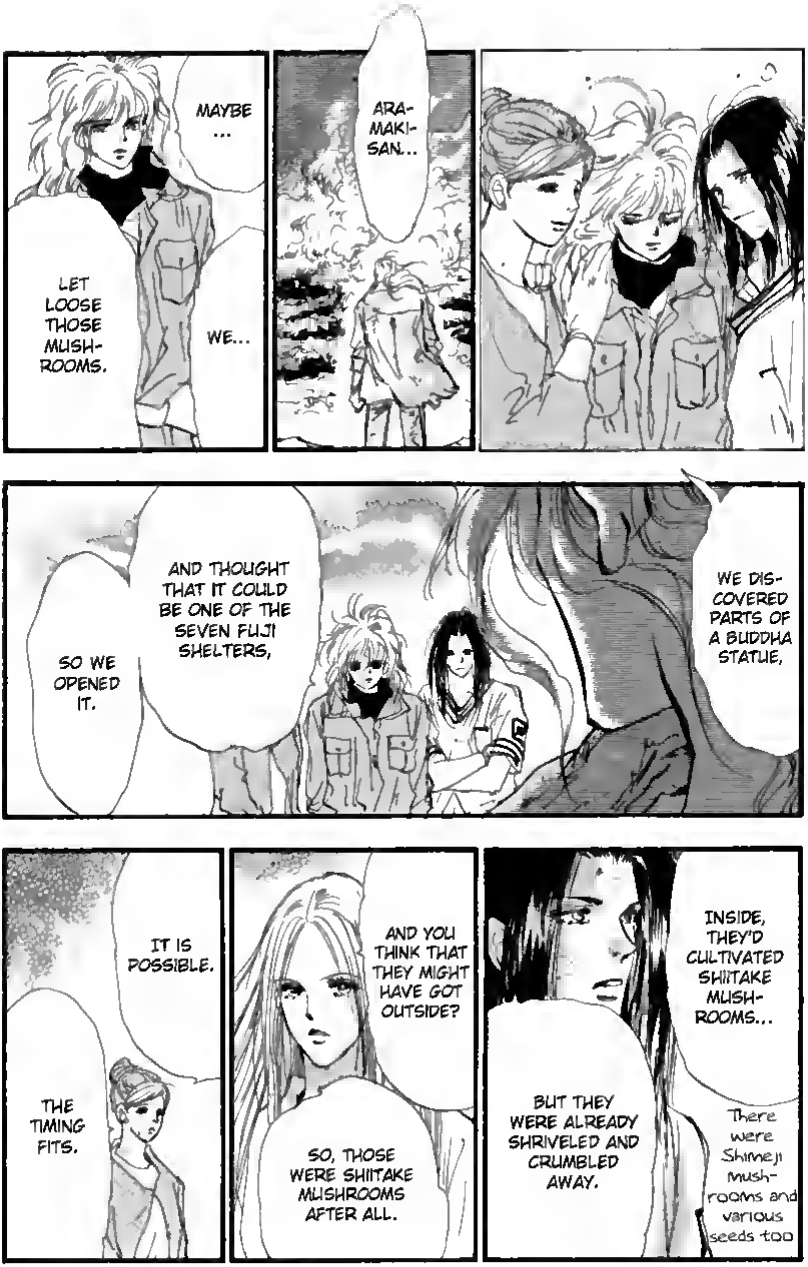

gulp

IF IT WAS SOME LAW OF NATURE...
THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO DEAL WITH IT.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NOTICED ABOUT THESE MUSHROOMS, TELL ME PLEASE.

NOT TELL HIM.
WE COULD ...

BUT IF WE DON'T TELL HIM ALL OF US COULD FALL VICTIM TO THEM.
THAT WE PROBABLY RELEASED THEM.

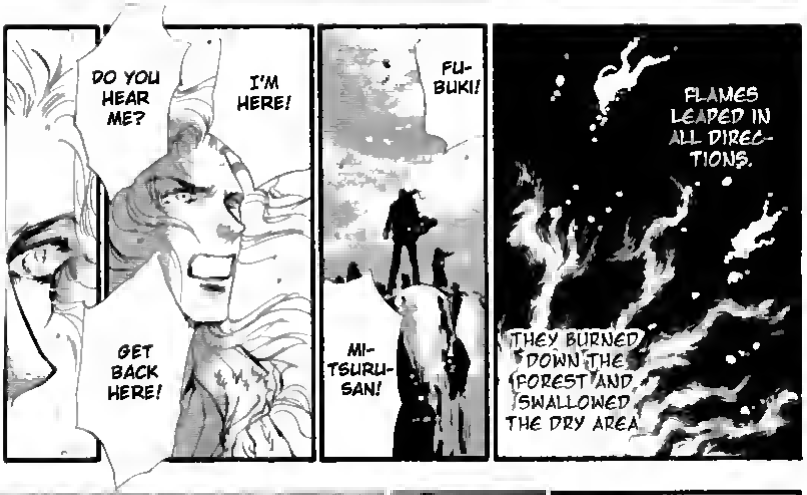
KEEP IT TO OURSELVES...
WE COULD...
OR OUR BAD CONSCIENCE COULD ALWAYS BOTHER US INSTEAD
HE MIGHT RESENT US.
IF WE TELL ARAMAKI-SAN,
CONSIDER SOMETHING LIKE THIS,
EVEN FOR A SECOND...?
HOW CAN I...


MAYBE ...
LET LOOSE THOSE MUSH-ROOMS.
WE...
ARA-MAKI-SAN...
AND THOUGHT THAT IT COULD BE ONE OF THE SEVEN FUJI SHELTERS,
SO WE OPENED IT.
WE DIS-COVERED PARTS OF A BUDDHA STATUE,
IT IS POSSIBLE.
THE TIMING FITS.
AND YOU THINK THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE GOT OUTSIDE?
SO, THOSE WERE SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS AFTER ALL.
INSIDE, THEY'D CULTIVATED SHIITAKE MUSH-ROOMS...
BUT THEY WERE ALREADY SHRIVELED AND CRUMBLED AWAY.
There were Shimeji mush-rooms and various seeds too

BUT THEY DON'T GROW ON US.
At least for now
THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY'RE COMMON SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS FOR US.
I'M SO SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
WE WERE WONDERING ABOUT HOW THEY MULTIPLIED AT AN EXPLOSIVE RATE,
They grew in a way that's untypical for Shiitake mushrooms
WHEN THEY EVEN STARTED TO GROW ON ANIMALS.
SO, YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THEY'RE ONLY UNKNOWN FUNGI...
FOR THE LIVING BEINGS OF THIS WORLD? I SEE.
I'M SORRY.
THEY WANTED TO ESCAPE FROM THE FIRE, AND WERE KILLED BY MUSHROOMS INSTEAD
I WANTED TO BRING YOU BACK TO ARAMAKI-SAN SAFE AND SOUND
I'M SORRY.
FUBUKI,
MITSURU-SAN,
I'M SORRY.
I'M TRULY SORRY.
HANA-SAN.

IF I ASSUMED THAT IT WAS A SHELTER...
I'D HAVE OPENED IT TOO.
THAT GOES FOR EVERYONE, DOESN'T IT?
WE'D EXPLORE ANYTHING IN ORDER TO SURVIVE,
EVEN LIKE WHEN WE OPENED THE FREEZER INSIDE THAT SHELTER IN THE WEST.
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
THAT'S A RISK...
THAT SHADOWS US.
BUT THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE.
IT'D BENEFIT US.
BESIDES, IF THEY'RE EDIBLE.
IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE YOU CARELESSLY DID SOMETHING UNNECESSARY, WOULD IT?
Let's go, Kuroda
IF THEY'RE JUST INEDIBLE...
YAP
Yes.
LET'S SEARCH FOR A WAY TO FIGHT THEM,
JUST LIKE WITH THAT VIOLET STUFF BACK THEN
...THE FIRE IS DRAWING CLOSER.
SO LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE.

AND THE FIRE SPREAD FURTHER.
THE SUN SET.


DO YOU HEAR ME?
I'M HERE!
GET BACK HERE!
FU-BUKI!
MI-TSURU-SAN!
FLAMES LEAPED IN ALL DIREC-TIONS.
THEY BURNED DOWN THE FOREST AND SWALLOWED THE DRY AREA

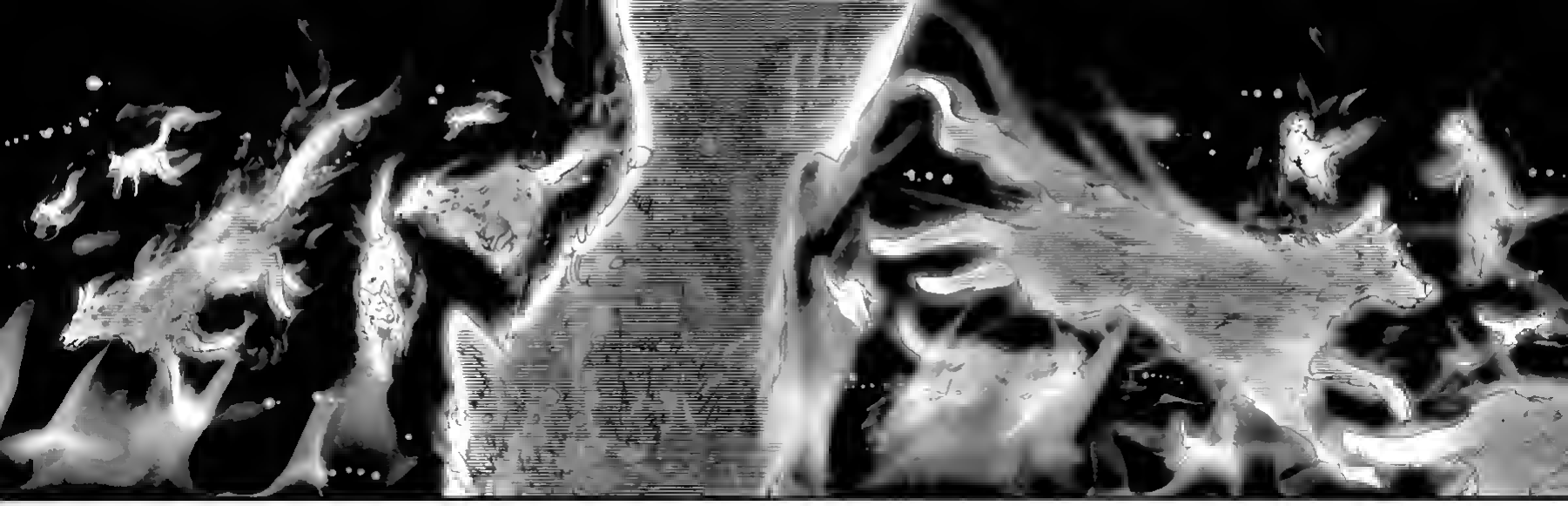
THIS WORLD...
SEEMS TO REJECT THEM.
THEN, CHISA-CHAN SAID:
IT'S JUST ...
LIKE IT'S TRYING TO BURN ALL THE MUSH-ROOMS.

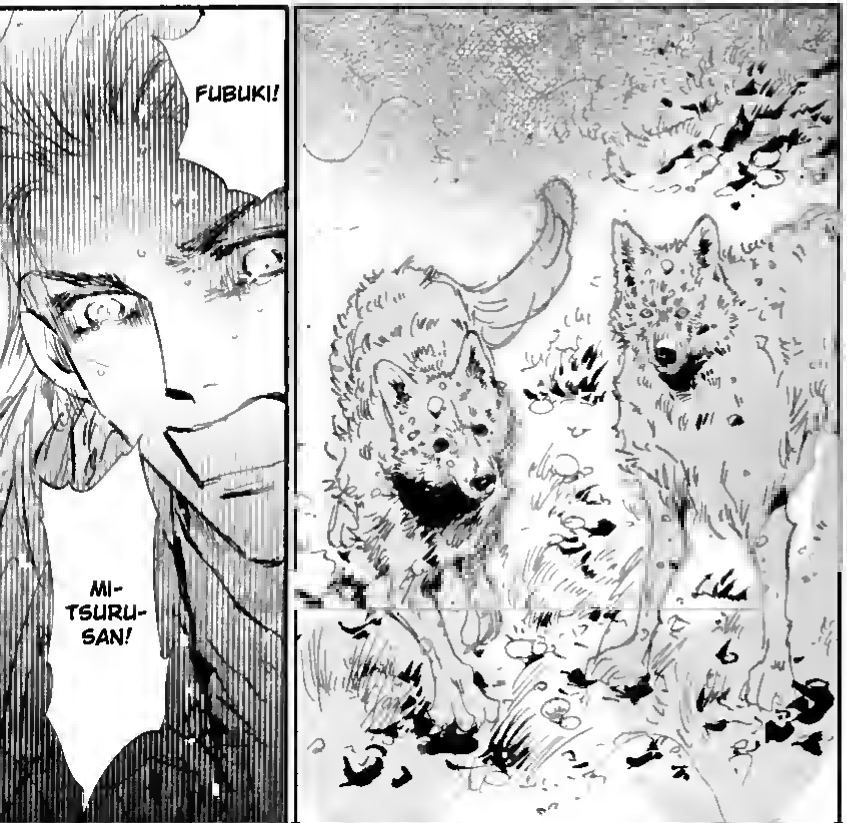
SO, IT WANTS TO BURN FOREIGN SPECIES?
IT'S LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO PROCLAIM THE WILL OF THE GODS.
DOES THAT MEAN...
THAT IT WON'T ALLOW THINGS THAT CAME HERE FROM A DISTANT PAST TO LIVE HERE?
US TOO...?
FOREIGN SPECIES...?
KURO-DA?
YAP
YAP
YAP
IT'S JUST THAT NATURE ..
TRIES TO RESTORE BALANCE ON ITS OWN ACCORD FROM TIME TO TIME...
They don't exist
THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH GODS.
I WAS TOLD THAT FOREST FIRES OFTEN OCCUR HERE.
THIS IS JUST A NATURAL PHENOM-ENON.

woof
yap
woof
yap
yap
yap
WHAT'S WRONG ?
THE THINGS THAT LOOKED LIKE LEADING FLAMES...
MOVED IN THE FACE OF THE WIND
THE FLAMES ...
ARE RUNNING AROUND ...

DEREK?!
YOU CAUGHT FIRE...
STOP RUNNING!
SEARCH FOR WATER!
DEREK!
ROLL ON THE GROUND!
DIG A HOLE!

DEREK!
DEREK!
COME OVER HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'M HERE!
ARA-MAKI-SAN,
HE HASN'T CAUGHT FIRE.
HE'S SETTING FIRE.
THE DOGS ...
ARE SPREAD-ING THE FIRE...
WITH THEIR BODIES!




FUBUKI!
MI-TSURU-SAN!

STOP IT!

FLA RE

MITSURU-SAN!
FUBUKI!

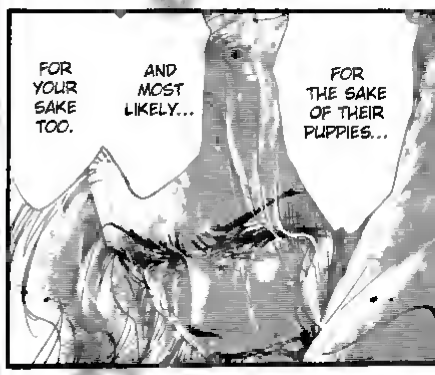
HOLD IT!
STOP!
I SAID STOP!!
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
LEAVE ME BE-HIND!
DON'T...

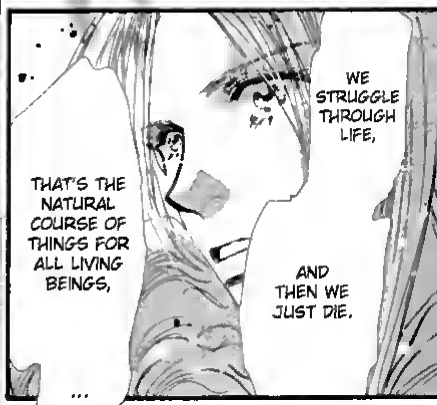
TAKA-SAN,
WATCH THEM CLOSELY.
WATCH THEM.

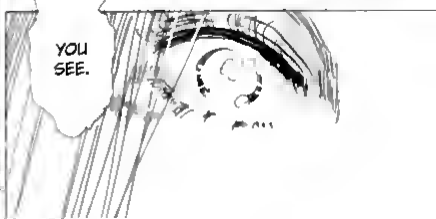
THIS ISN'T THE WILL OF THE GODS.
IT'S JUST THE WAY...
LIVING BEINGS GET ON WITH THEIR LIVES.
ANIMALS, PLANTS...
AND WE ALIKE...
ONLY DO...
WHAT IS NECES-SARY TO SURVIVE.
THERE'S NOTHING PITIFUL OR CRUEL ABOUT IT.
WE JUST STRUGGLE THROUGH LIFE,
AND THEN WE DIE.

WE STRUGGLE THROUGH LIFE,
AND WE FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
AS LIVING BEINGS.

MUST FEEL THEIR IMPENDING DEATHS, SO THEY'RE DOING WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.
YOUR DOGS...


FOR YOUR SAKE TOO.
AND MOST LIKELY...
FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR PUPPIES...


WE STRUGGLE THROUGH LIFE,
THAT'S THE NATURAL COURSE OF THINGS FOR ALL LIVING BEINGS,
AND THEN WE JUST DIE.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YOU SEE.

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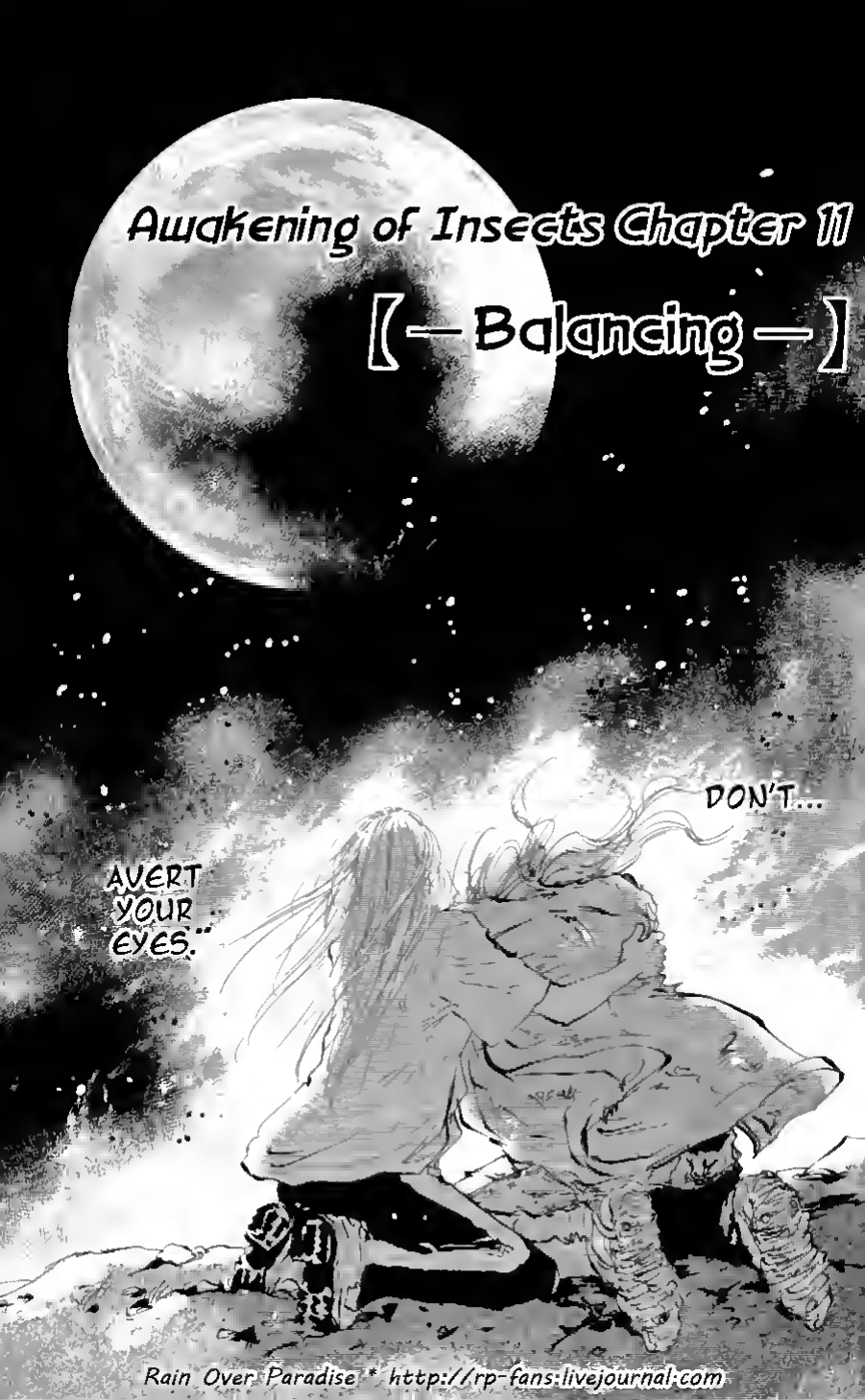
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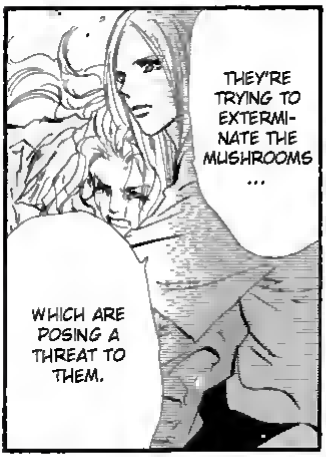
SLAP
THAT'S COINCI-DENCE.
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANY-THING.
I CAN'T BREATHE.
IT'S...
WHO SUR-VIVES.
ALWAYS ONLY ME...
I...
EVERY-ONE...
LEAVES ME BEHIND.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T RUSH IT,
YOU'LL DEFINITELY DIE SOME DAY.
YOU SEE?


THEY'RE TRYING TO EXTERMI-NATE THE MUSHROOMS ...
WHICH ARE POSING A THREAT TO THEM.

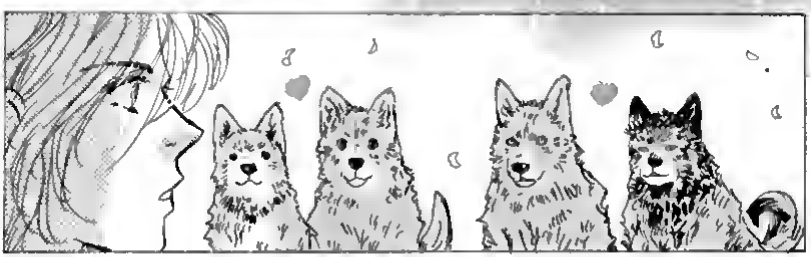
YOUR DOGS ARE DOING IT TOO.

UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN ONLY DO WHAT YOU MUST DO,
AND MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE.

THEY'RE MAKING THE BEST OF THEIR LIVES,
AND THEN THEY DIE.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT,
TAKA-SAN.

THEY MUST HAVE FELT SOME-THING.
THEY WERE SENSING THE DANGER.
WHAT'S WRONG?
BEFORE WE ENTERED THAT FOREST,
THE TWO OF THEM STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS.
BUT STILL,
THEY SEARCHED FOR HANA-SAN FOR ME,
AND BROUGHT HER BACK TO ME.
MITSURU-SAN.
FUBUKI,

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THAT WAS A FARE-WELL.



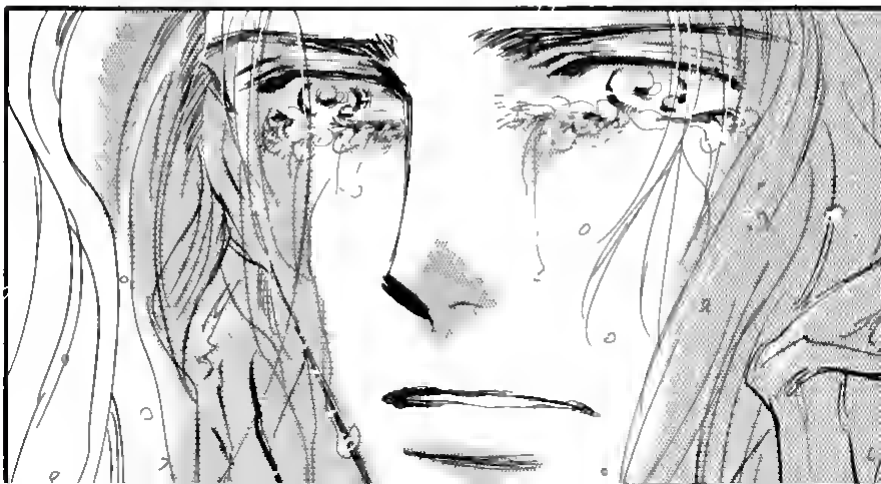
I COULD NEVER HAVE...
SURVIVED ON MY OWN.

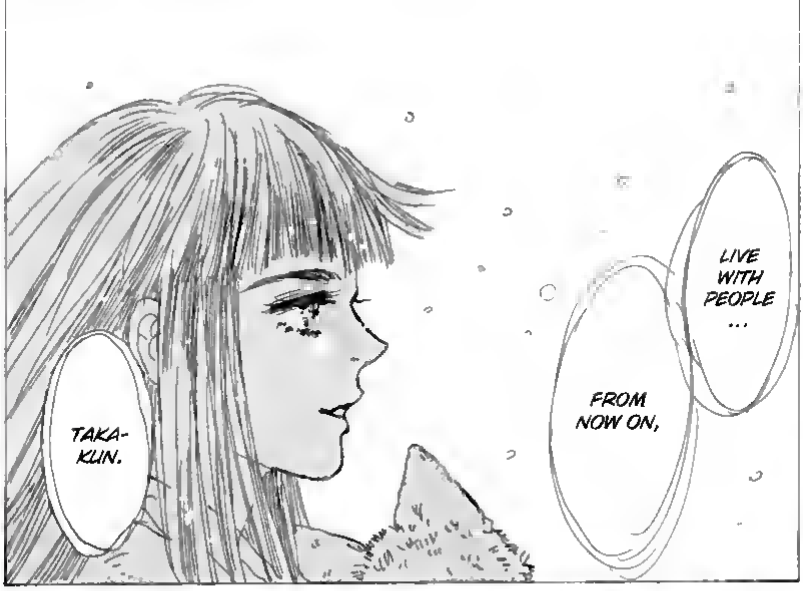
I WAS ABLE TO LIVE ON.
FUBUKI,
BECAUSE THEY WERE THERE FOR ME...
MITSURU-SAN.
TO STAY WITH ME?
DON'T GO.
WERE YOU HAPPY...
WERE YOU HAPPY?

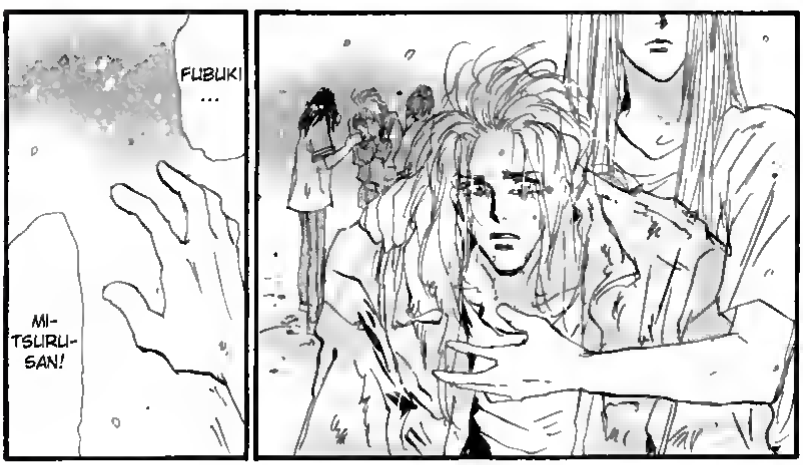
WAS HAPPY.
SO, DON'T GO...
DON'T GO.
I...
LIKE THIS.

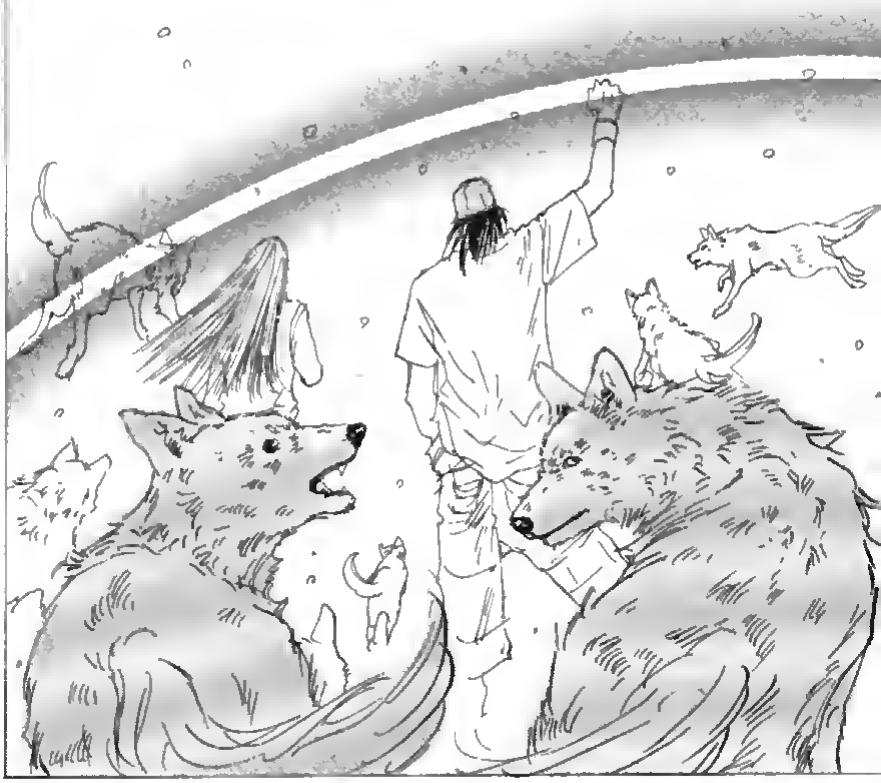
FUBUKI ...
MITSURU-SAN.
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?
ARE YOU QUITE ALL RIGHT, TAKA?

YOU...
AREN'T ALONE ANYMORE.




TAKA-KUN.
FROM NOW ON,
LIVE WITH PEOPLE ...

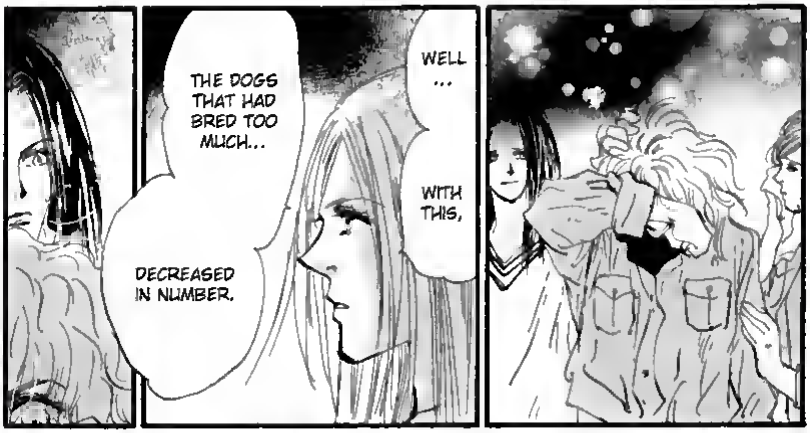

FUBUKI ...
MI-TSURU-SAN!

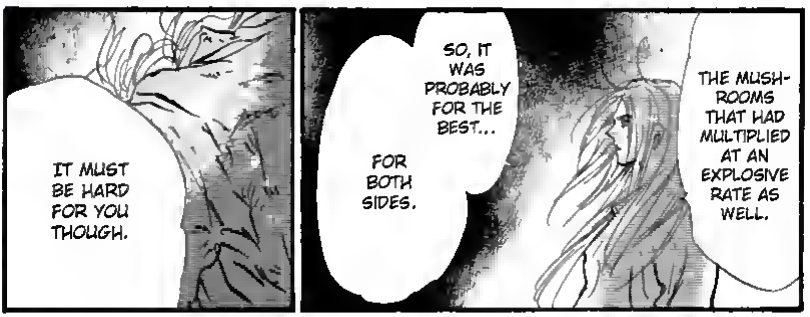


THEY SAVED ME...
A LOT OF TIMES.
I'VE...
HANA ...
BEEN TRAVEL-LING WITH THEM.
HOW SHOULD I APOL-OGIZE?
WAS THANKS TO THEM TOO.
HOW ...?
THAT I RECOVERED FROM THAT VIOLET STUFF...
WE DIDN'T LET LOOSE THOSE MUSH-ROOMS...!
IF ONLY...

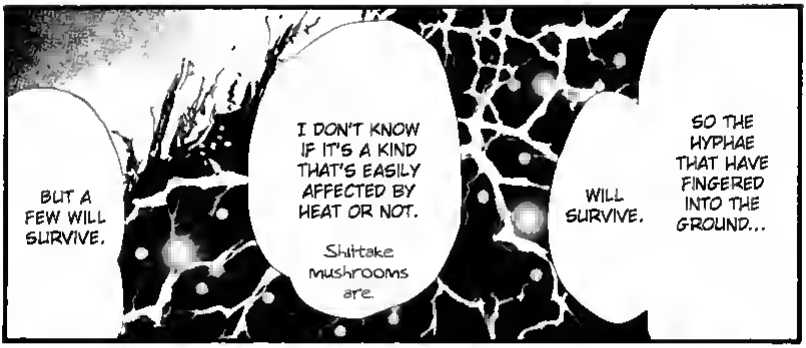
SHOULD I APOLOGIZE ...?
HOW...
TO HUG ARAMAKI-SAN MANY TIMES.
I'VE WANTED...
NOW, I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE ...
BUT I COULDN'T DO IT.

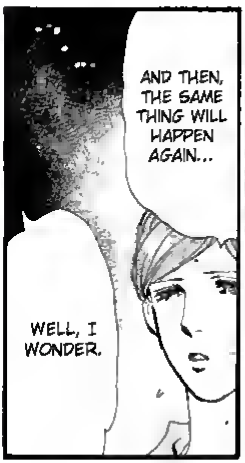
AYU-SAN COULD DO IT.
I COULDN'T TELL HIM.
SHE COULD TELL HIM THINGS...
...AYU-SAN.


THE DOGS THAT HAD BRED TOO MUCH...
DECREASED IN NUMBER.
WELL ...
WITH THIS,

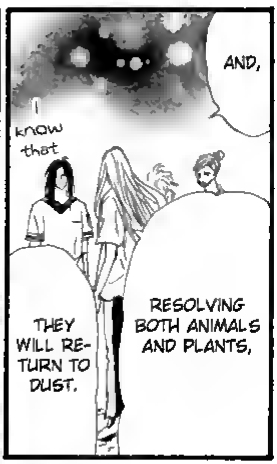

IT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU THOUGH.
SO, IT WAS PROBABLY FOR THE BEST...
FOR BOTH SIDES.
THE MUSH-ROOMS THAT HAD MULTIPLIED AT AN EXPLOSIVE RATE AS WELL.

THE GROWN-UP DOGS LEFT,
LEAVING THEIR PUPPIES BEHIND.
IF SOMETHING INCREASES TOO MUCH IT'LL STARVE TO DEATH NEXT.
THAT HAS BEEN PREVENTED.
BOTH NATURE AND THE WEATHER...
NEVER CONSIDER PEOPLE'S SITUATIONS, SO IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY BEST IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...
HER WORDS ARE HARSH.
THEY AREN'T?
THOSE MUSHROOMS GROW ON THE GROUND TOO.
PROBABLY NOT.
I DOUBT THAT THEY ARE GONE COMPLETELY.
IF THE MUSHROOMS ARE ANNIHILATED NOW.
I WONDER...


BUT A FEW WILL SURVIVE.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A KIND THAT'S EASILY AFFECTED BY HEAT OR NOT.
Shiitake mushrooms are.
WILL SURVIVE.
SO THE HYPHAE THAT HAVE FINGERED INTO THE GROUND...


AND THEN, THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN AGAIN...
WELL, I WONDER.

WHEN MUSHROOMS APPEAR HERE NEXT TIME,
THE SOIL WILL HAVE RECOVERED.


AND,
I know that
THEY WILL RETURN TO DUST.
RESOLVING BOTH ANIMALS AND PLANTS,

WE LEARN ...

AS COMMON MUSHROOMS.
MAYBE THEY'LL UNEXPECTEDLY ADJUST TO THIS PLACE...

THOSE MUSHROOMS TRY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES TOO.
LIVING BEINGS LEARN.

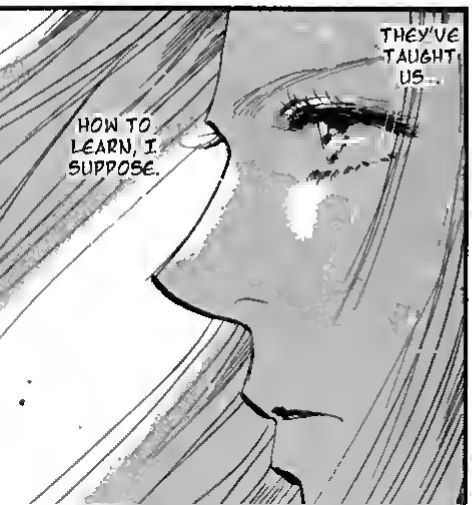
IN ORDER TO ADJUST TO THIS PLACE...
PEOPLE ALSO HAVE TO LEARN...

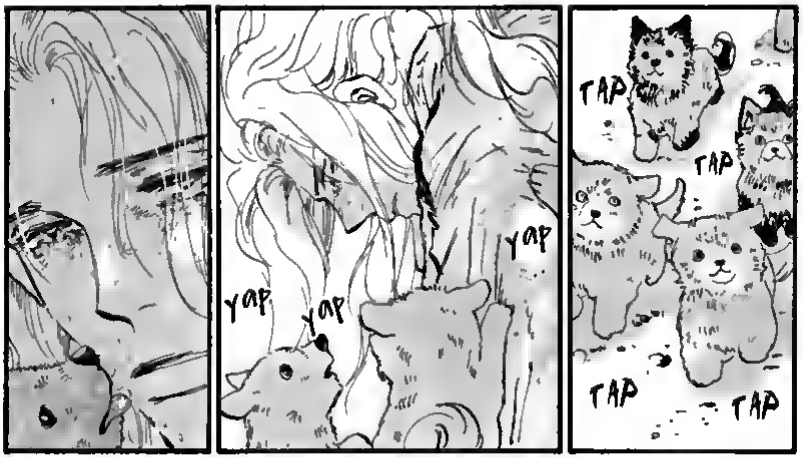
WE LEARN...

THERE MUST BE SORTS THAT SPROUT IN REACTION TO THE FIRE.
THE SAME GOES FOR PLANTS TOO.
SINCE FIRES OFTEN OCCUR HERE,
THE FOREST WILL REGENERATE AS WELL.

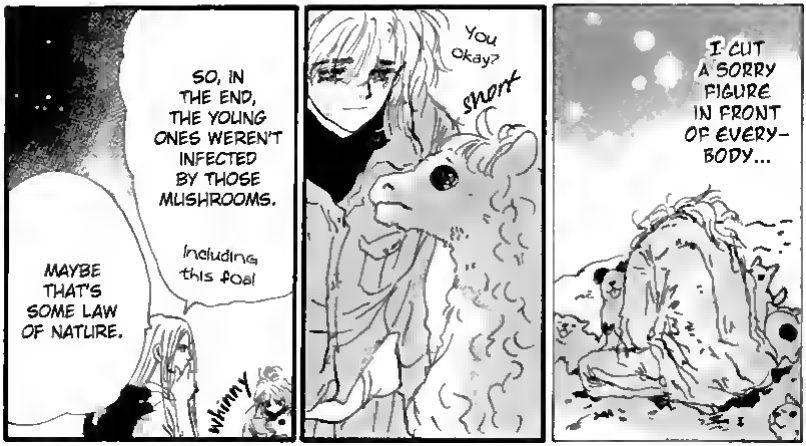
EVEN IF THE STUFF WE LEARNED...
WASN'T OF ANY USE.

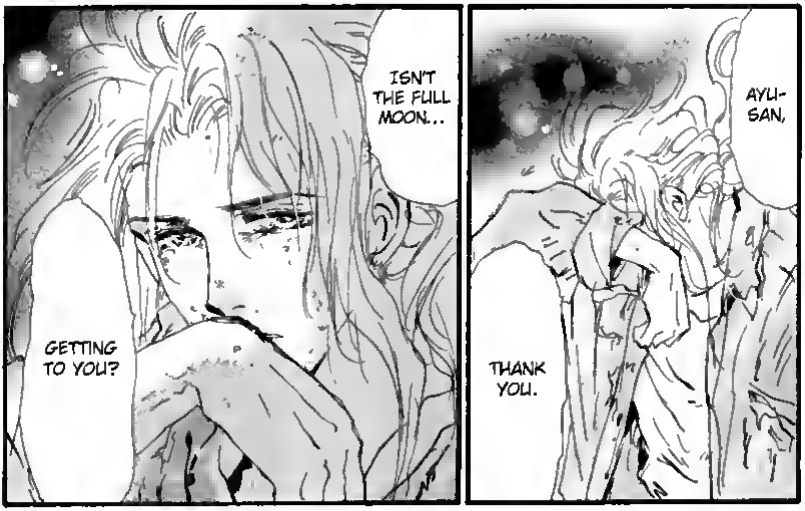
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT ALL THE STUDY-ING...
IN OUR FACILITY WAS ABOUT.

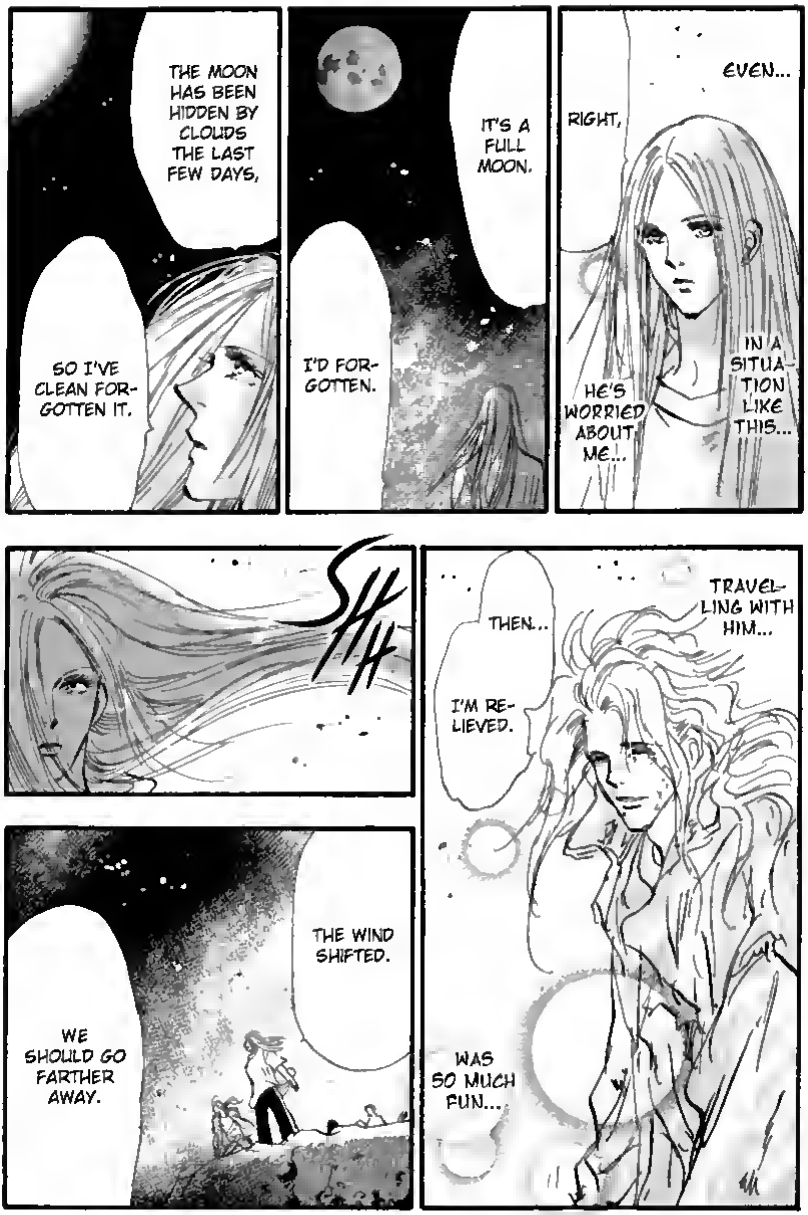

THEY'VE TAUGHT US...
HOW TO LEARN, I SUPPOSE.

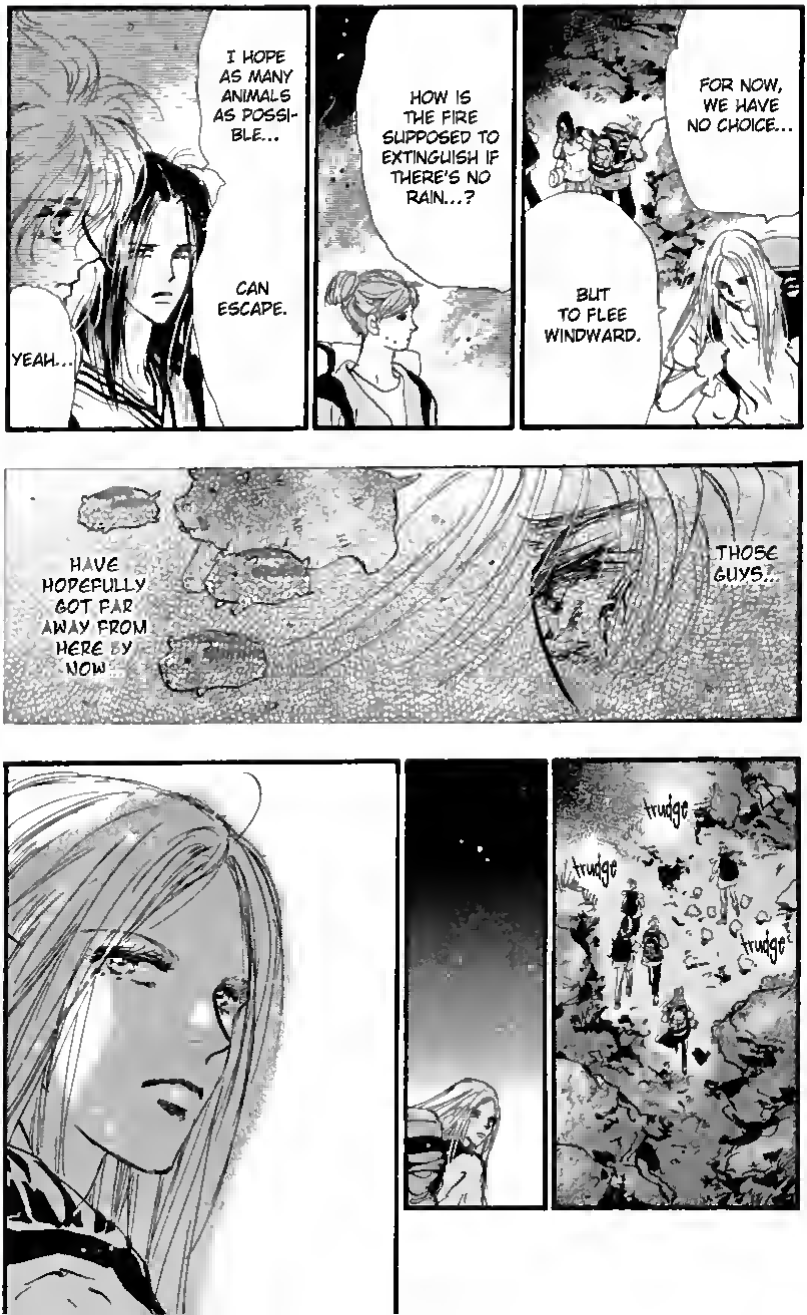

YAP
YAP
YAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

IT WAS...
AYU-SAN WHO'S BEEN HOLDING ME BACK ...
THE ENTIRE TIME...


SO, IN THE END, THE YOUNG ONES WEREN'T INFECTED BY THOSE MUSHROOMS.
Including this foal
MAYBE THAT'S SOME LAW OF NATURE.
whinny
You okay?
snort
I CUT A SORRY FIGURE IN FRONT OF EVERY-BODY...

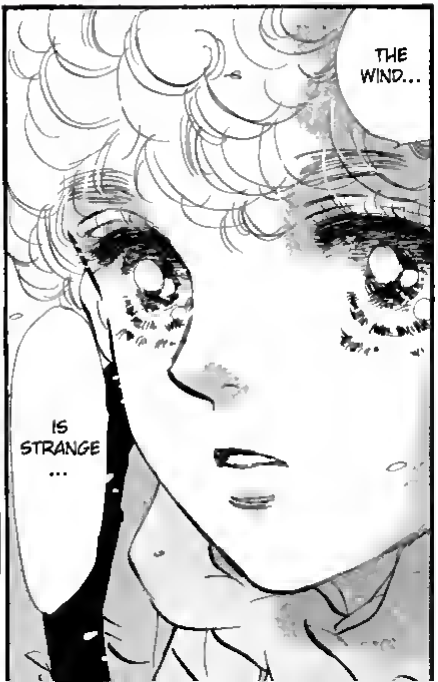

ISN'T THE FULL MOON...
GETTING TO YOU?
AYU-SAN,
THANK YOU.

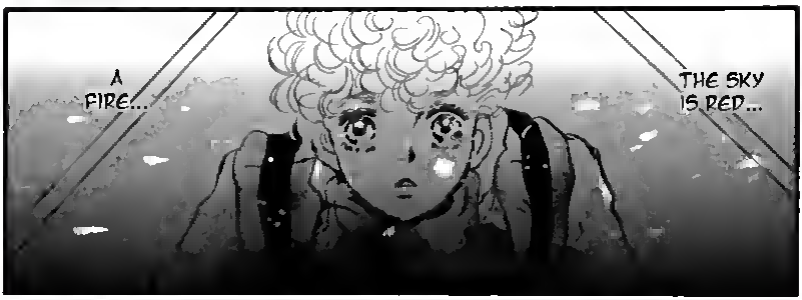

THE MOON HAS BEEN HIDDEN BY CLOUDS THE LAST FEW DAYS,
SO I'VE CLEAN FOR-GOTTEN IT.
IT'S A FULL MOON.
I'D FOR-GOTTEN.
EVEN...
RIGHT,
IN A SITUA-TION LIKE THIS...
HE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME...
SHH
THEN...
TRAVEL-LING WITH HIM...
I'M RE-LIEVED.
WAS SO MUCH FUN...
THE WIND SHIFTED.
WE SHOULD GO FARTHER AWAY.

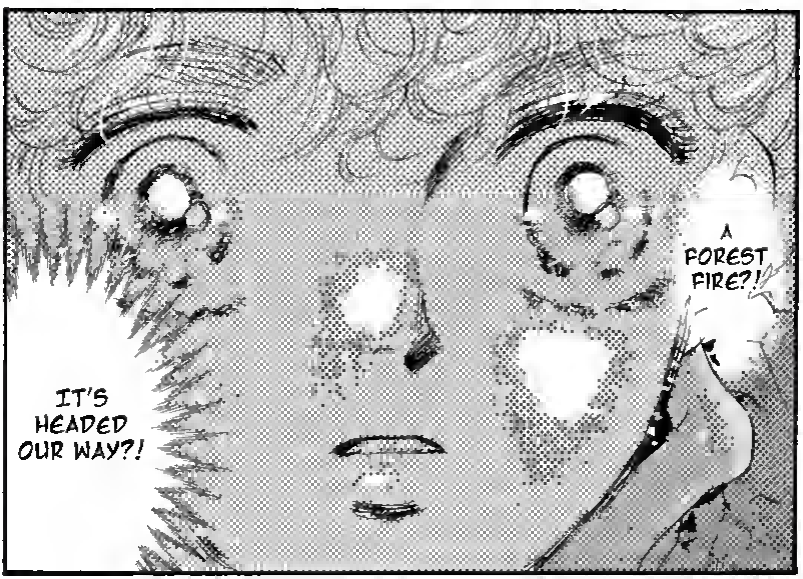

I HOPE AS MANY ANIMALS AS POSSIBLE...
CAN ESCAPE.
YEAH...
HOW IS THE FIRE SUPPOSED TO EXTINGUISH IF THERE'S NO RAIN...?
FOR NOW, WE HAVE NO CHOICE...
BUT TO FLEE WINDWARD.
HAVE HOPEFULLY GOT FAR AWAY FROM HERE BY NOW...
THOSE GUYS?..
trudge
trudge
trudge

AVERT YOUR EYES.
DON'T ...

I'LL GO...
A LITTLE FURTHER THAN USUAL.


THE WIND...
IS STRANGE ...





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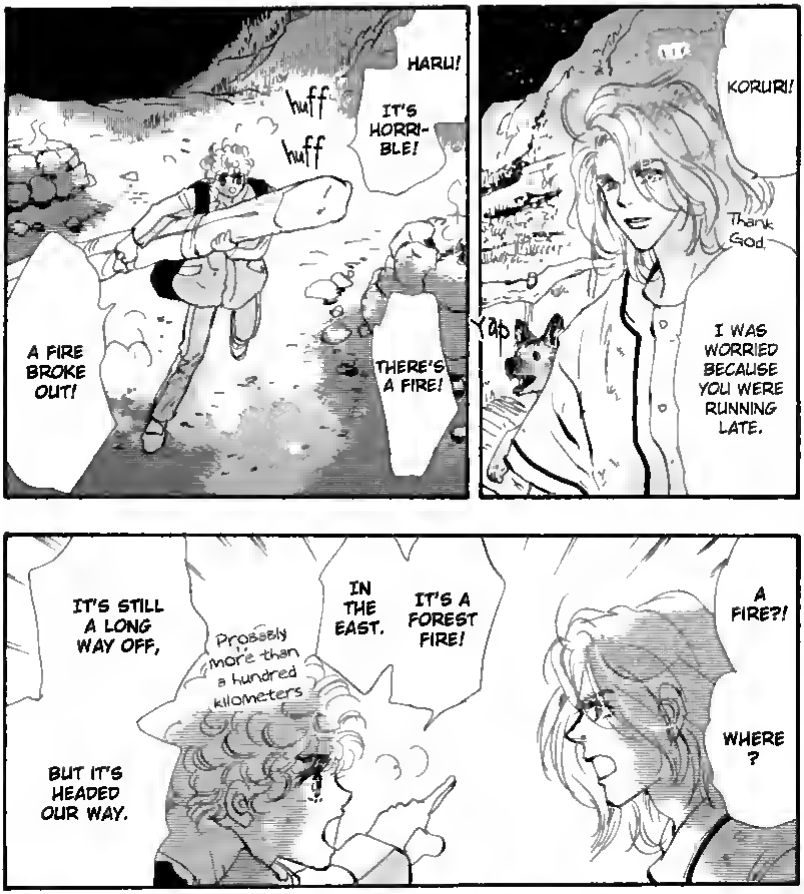
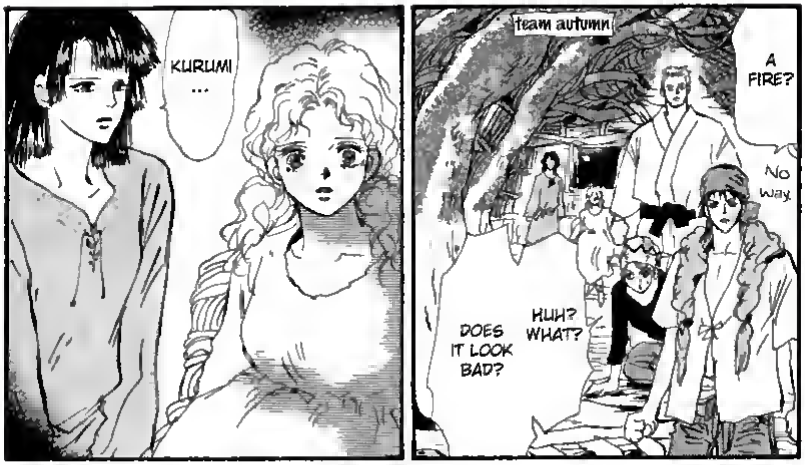
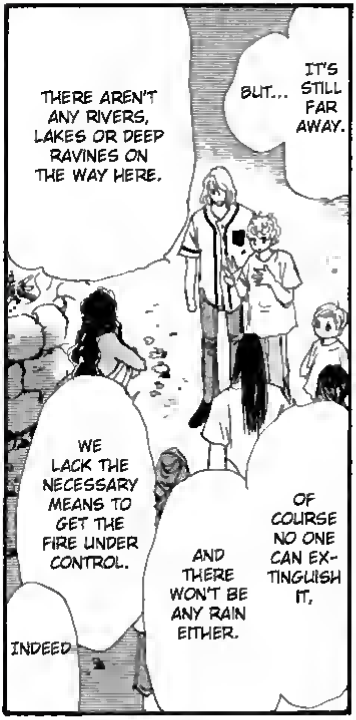
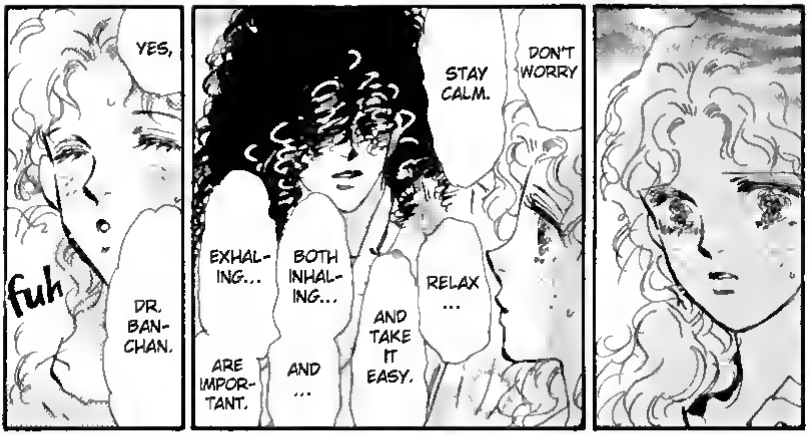
OUR HOME IS DOWN-WIND!
IT'S A CONFLA-GRATION!
THE WIND IS WHIRL-ING ME AROUND.
SO I CAN'T FLY PROPERLY.
THAT'S DANGER-OUS.
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHOOSH
WHOA!
I'LL RE-TURN.
I HAVE TO INFORM THE OTHERS.


HARU!
huff
huff
IT'S HORRIBLE!
A FIRE BROKE OUT!
THERE'S A FIRE!
KORURI!
Thank God.
I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOU WERE RUNNING LATE.
Yap
A FIRE?!
WHERE?
IT'S STILL A LONG WAY OFF,
BUT IT'S HEADED OUR WAY.
Probably more than a hundred kilometers
IN THE EAST.
IT'S A FOREST FIRE!
IT WAS THUNDERING A WHILE AGO TOO.
LIGHTNING MUST HAVE STRUCK.
YEAH.
BECAUSE IT'S SO DRY.
That was bound to happen.
A FOREST FIRE?


KURUMI
...
team autumn
A FIRE?
No way.
HUH? WHAT?
DOES IT LOOK BAD?


BUT... IT'S STILL FAR AWAY.
THERE AREN'T ANY RIVERS, LAKES OR DEEP RAVINES ON THE WAY HERE.
OF COURSE NO ONE CAN EXTINGUISH IT,
AND THERE WON'T BE ANY RAIN EITHER.
WE LACK THE NECESSARY MEANS TO GET THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL.
INDEED.

WE SHOULD EXPECT THE WORST,
AND PREPARE OUR EVACUATION.
PLEASE PACK UP YOUR STUFF.


YES,
fuh
DR. BAN-CHAN.
DON'T WORRY
STAY CALM.
EXHAL-ING...
ARE IMPOR-TANT.
BOTH INHAL-ING...
AND ...
AND TAKE IT EASY.
RELAX ...

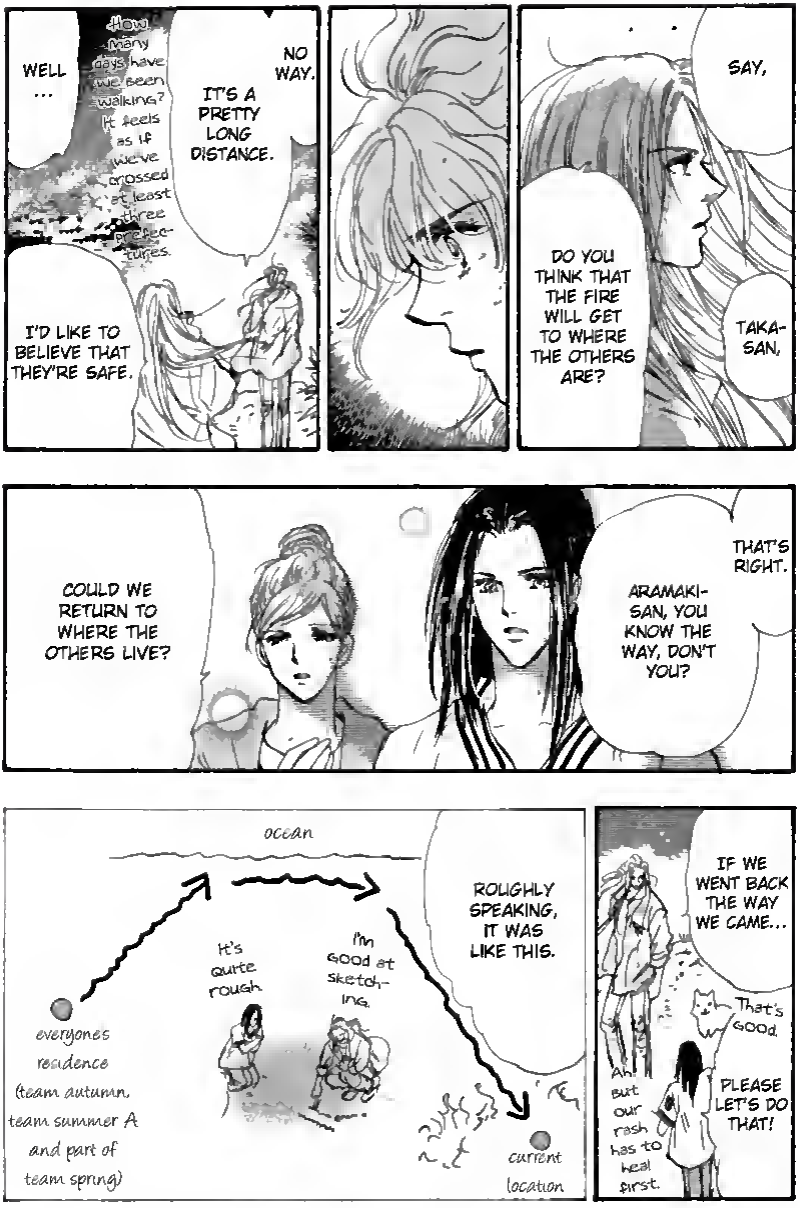
Yeah
IT'S GOING TO SWALLOW UP MOST OF THE AREA, I GUESS.
It's just like forest fires in foreign countries.
THE FIRE KEEPS GATHERING STRENGTH.
trudge
trudge
trudge
trudge
trudge
trudge
Only in a historical drama, a handsome man would happen to pass by to help you out
YOU'RE LIKE SOMEONE OUT OF A HISTORICAL DRAMA.
DID YOUR STRAP RIP APART?
I'VE GOT A SPARE ONE.
IT'S OKAY.
"Oops!
HANA!
RIP

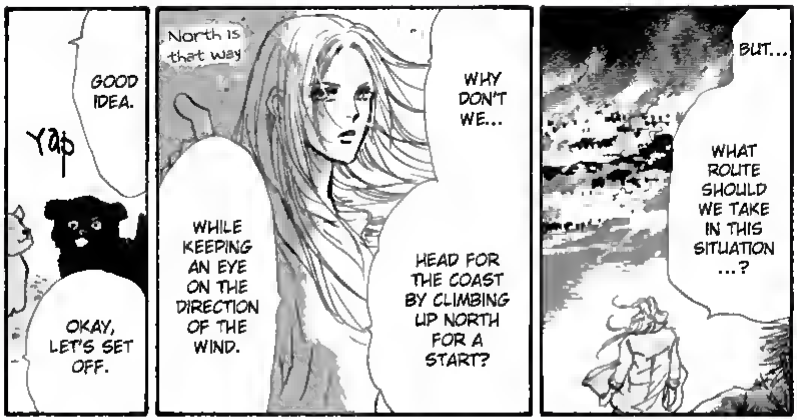
AH...
AH! THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M SORRY. I'D FORGOTTEN.
THAT I HAD YOUR SHOES WITH ME.
What?!
YOU WERE CARRYING THEM AROUND?!
THAT WAS A BURDEN, WASN'T IT?
They must be heavy!
MY DOGS...
PICKED UP YOUR SCENT FROM THEM...
TO SEARCH FOR YOU.

I ALSO... DISCOV-ERED...
ONE OF YOUR CLIMBING SHOES BY THE SHORE.
HIS DOGS...
REUNITED ME WITH ARAMAKI-SAN.
THANK YOU.
THE SCENT OF MY SHOES..?
They stink.
HOW EMBAR-RASS-ING.
BUT...
LET'S CARRY ON AS SOON AS YOU PUT THEM ON.
Break time.
YEAH.
Lucky you! A hand-some man helped you out.
Whoa!
I ALREADY HAVE THE OTHER ONE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I COULD ONLY FIND ONE OF THEM
THAT I COULD GIVE THEM BACK TO YOU.
I'M GLAD...

HE SHOULD BE ANGRY AT US...
FOR RELEASING THOSE MUSH-ROOMS.

ARAMAKI-SAN...
IS NICE EVEN IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO HARD FOR ME.


WELL ...
How many days have we been walking? It feels as if we've crossed at least three prefectures.
NO WAY.
IT'S A PRETTY LONG DISTANCE.
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE SAFE.
SAY,
TAKA-SAN,
DO YOU THINK THAT THE FIRE WILL GET TO WHERE THE OTHERS ARE?
COULD WE RETURN TO WHERE THE OTHERS LIVE?
ARAMAKI-SAN, YOU KNOW THE WAY, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
ocean
everyones residence (team autumn, team summer A and part of team spring)
It's quite rough.
I'm good at sketching.
ROUGHLY SPEAKING, IT WAS LIKE THIS.
current location
IF WE WENT BACK THE WAY WE CAME...
That's good.
Ah! But our rash has to heal first.
PLEASE LET'S DO THAT!


GOOD IDEA.
Yap
OKAY, LET'S SET OFF.
North is that way
WHILE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND.
WHY DON'T WE...
HEAD FOR THE COAST BY CLIMBING UP NORTH FOR A START?
BUT...
WHAT ROUTE SHOULD WE TAKE IN THIS SITUATION ...?

I CAN'T UNDO THE PAST,
EVEN IF I CRY,
OR APOLOGIZE.

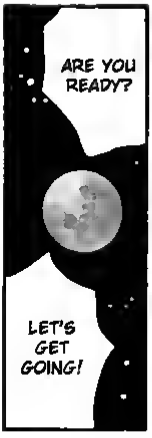
SO,
I'LL WALK ON WITH THE SHOES HE BROUGHT BACK TO ME...
NOW.

whinny
tap
tap

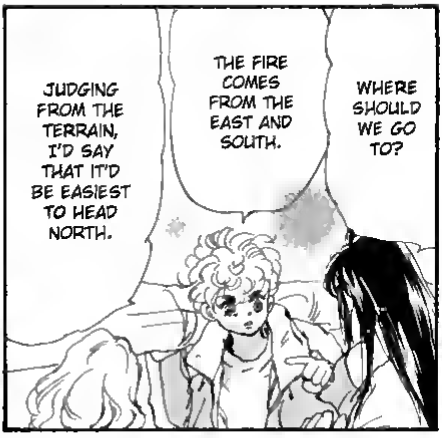
AND ONLY THE MOST NECESSARY OF YOUR STUFF...
AND FOOD ALONG.
TAKE WATER ...
fuss
fuss
clatter
clatter
AND CLOTHES THAT COVER ALL OF YOUR BODY.

IN YOUR USUAL SEAT.
Okay
KURUMI, YOU SIT DOWN...

AKIRA,
The moon is bright, so I can tell more or less.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, RAN?
The wind is strong.
HMM.
IT MIGHT BE BEST TO EVACUATE.

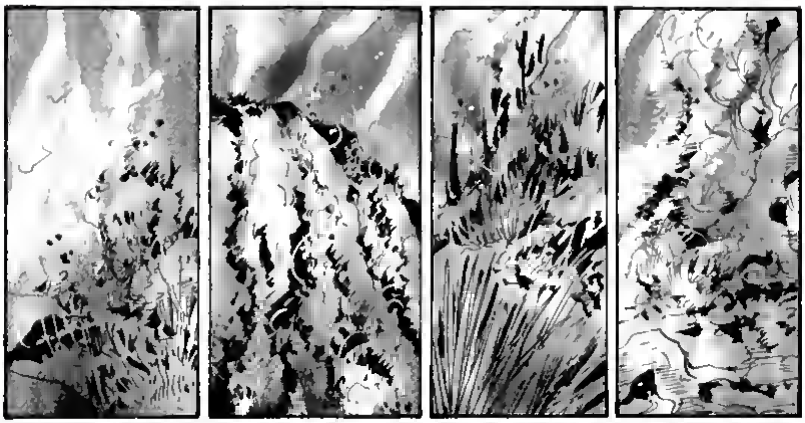

ARE YOU READY?
LET'S GET GOING!

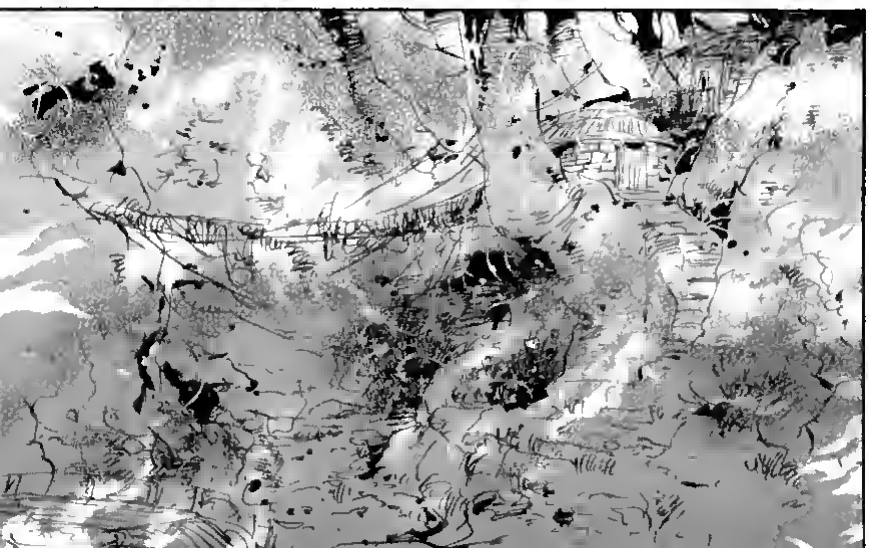
IF WE KEEP WALKING IN THAT DIRECTION, WE'LL REACH THE OCEAN
THEN, I'LL TAKE THE BOAT, JUST IN CASE.


JUDGING FROM THE TERRAIN, I'D SAY THAT IT'D BE EASIEST TO HEAD NORTH.
THE FIRE COMES FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.
WHERE SHOULD WE GO TO?

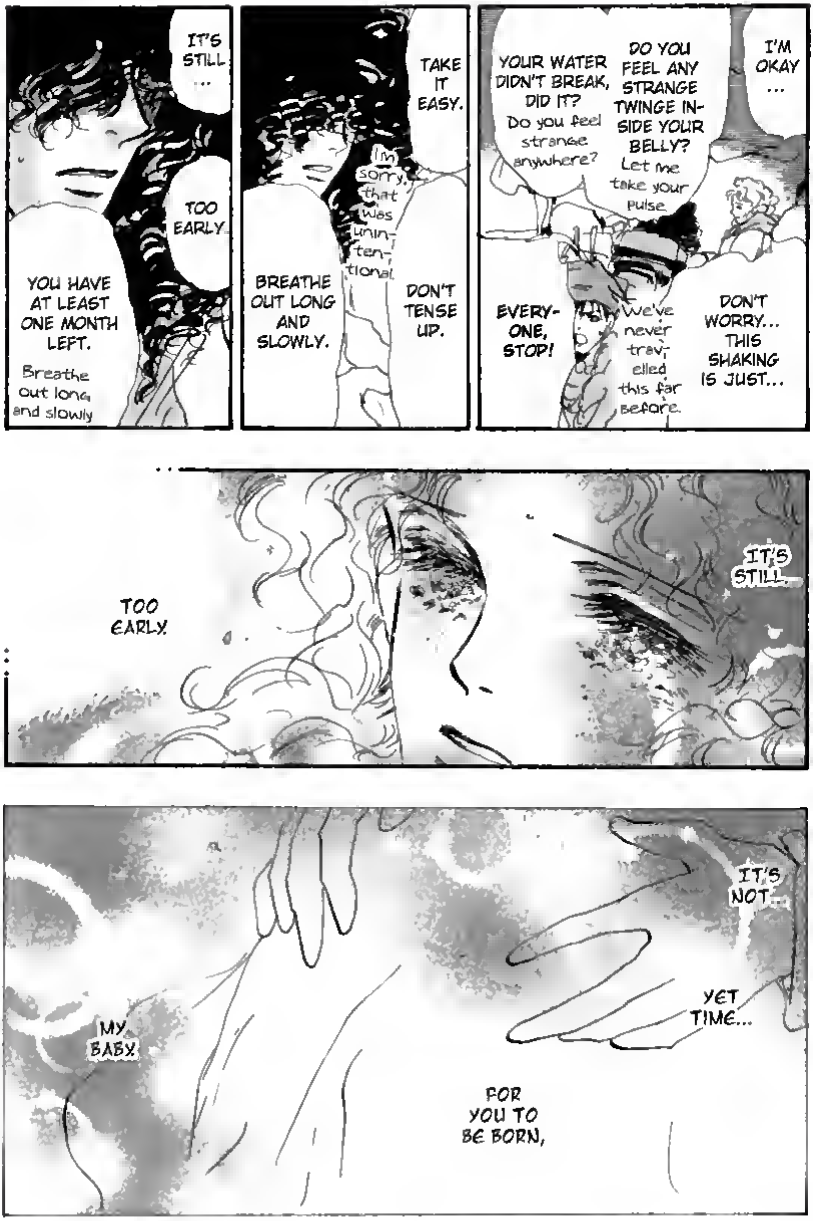
clatter
clatter
clatter
clatter
clatter
Okay I'm sorry
Take some rest
Don't worry about it

clatter
DON'T WORRY.
I'M WITH YOU.
YEAH, RYUSEI-KUN.
INHALE ...
RE-LAX.
AND EXHALE.
OKAY.
clatter
THE PATH IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE.
IT'S SHAKING.
MORE THAN USUAL.
clatter
BUT THE WIND BECAME SO GUSTY...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO TAKE OFF...
hoh
THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT EVEN FOR YOU, KORURI.
TO SEE HOW THINGS ARE, AND GUIDE EVERYBODY.
phew
THE FULL MOON IS WELCOME.
IT'S HELPFUL THAT IT'S SO BRIGHT.
YEAH ...
MAYBE THE FIRE WON'T COME HERE.
It probably won't.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY-THING DANGER-OUS.





FEELS UN-PLEAS-ANT ..
THIS
SHAKING
clatter
clatter
UH!
BUMP
KURUMI-SAN?!


IT'S STILL...
TOO EARLY.
YOU HAVE AT LEAST ONE MONTH LEFT.
Breathe out long and slowly
TAKE IT EASY.
I'm sorry, that was unintentional.
BREATHE OUT LONG AND SLOWLY.
DON'T TENSE UP.
YOUR WATER DIDN'T BREAK, DID IT? Do you feel strange anywhere?
DO YOU FEEL ANY STRANGE TWINGE INSIDE YOUR BELLY? Let me take your pulse.
I'M OKAY...
EVERYONE, STOP!
We've never travelled this far before.
DON'T WORRY... THIS SHAKING IS JUST...
TOO EARLY.
IT'S STILL...
MY BABY.
IT'S NOT... YET TIME...
FOR YOU TO BE BORN,

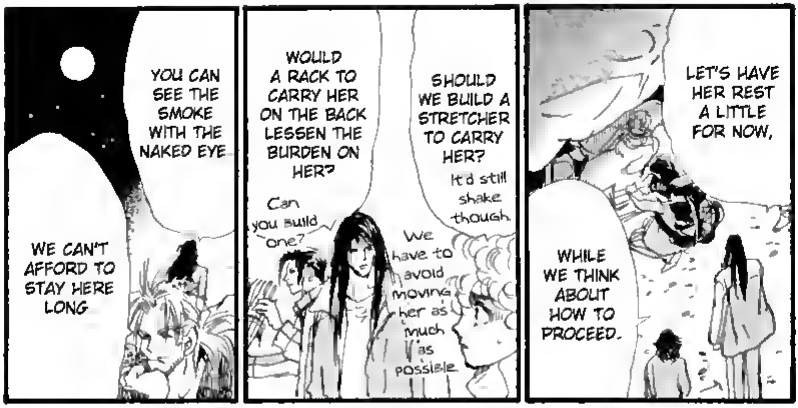
UNTIL WE CAN MEET...
WE HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER...

THE FIRE IS SPREADING AT A TERRIFIC SPEED.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE FOREST IS GOING TO BURN DOWN TO THE GROUND.
THE FLAMES WILL ONLY SINGE THE DRY OUTER-MOST LAYER.

HEY,
THE AREA WHERE WE'VE BEEN STAYING DURING THE RAINY SEASON...
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED TOO.
Our tree house

We must'n't move her
We don't have an incubator I'm scared
Ah, sorry But I'm scared
WHAT NOW ...?

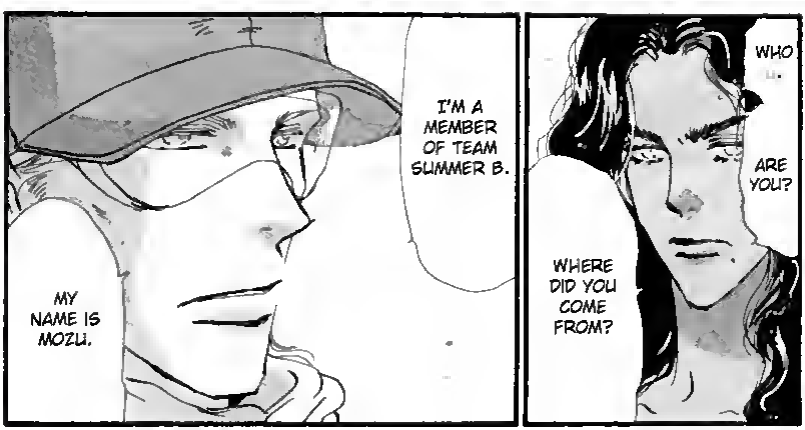
snore
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH HER BELLY, I SUPPOSE.
I'D LIKE TO CARRY KURUMI-SAN ON MY BACK.

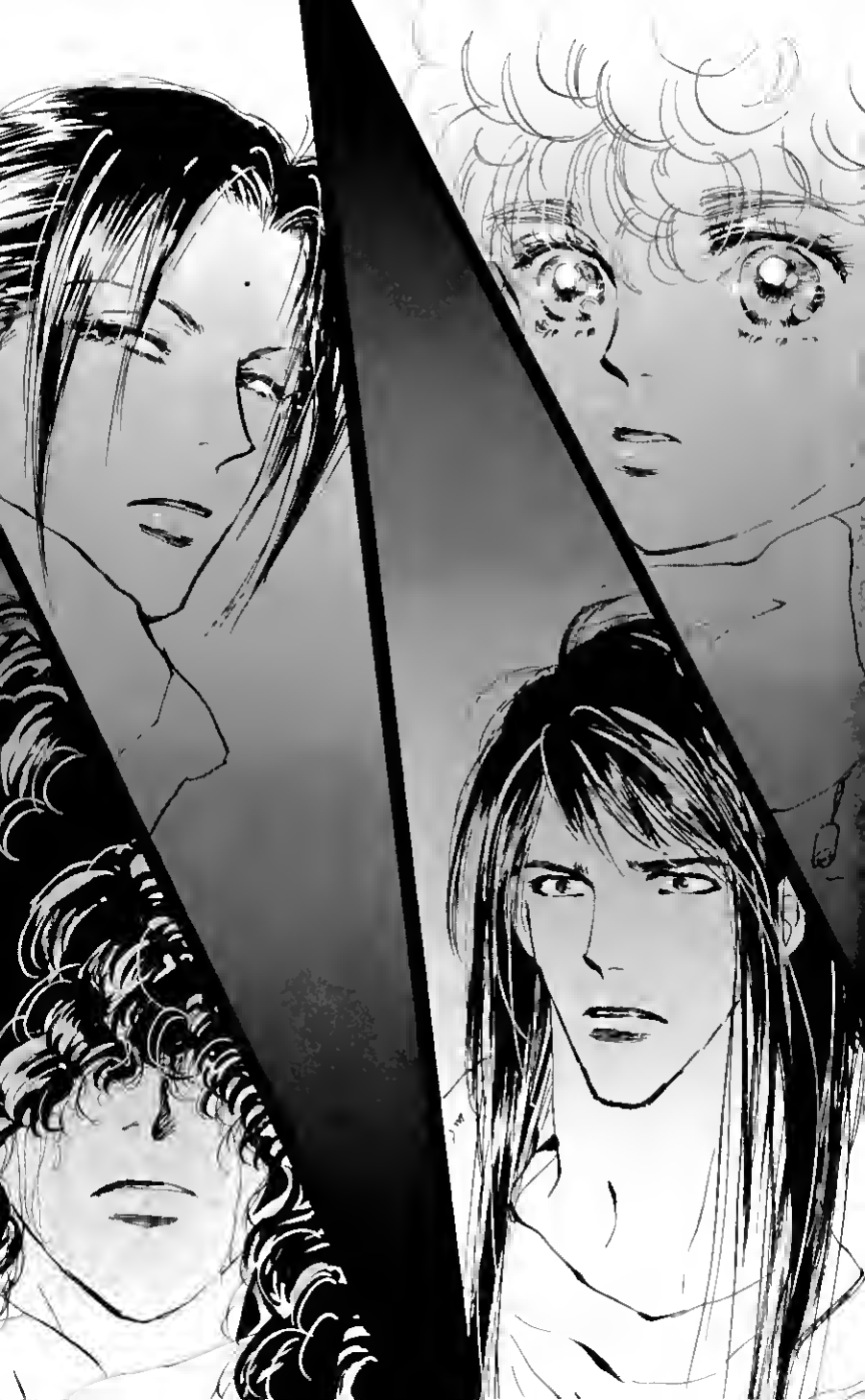

YOU CAN SEE THE SMOKE WITH THE NAKED EYE
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY HERE LONG
WOULD A RACK TO CARRY HER ON THE BACK LESSEN THE BURDEN ON HER?
SHOULD WE BUILD A STRETCHER TO CARRY HER?
It'd still shake though.
Can you build one?
We have to avoid moving her as much as possible.
LET'S HAVE HER REST A LITTLE FOR NOW,
WHILE WE THINK ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED.

I'M SORRY.
I'M CAUSING YOU TROUBLE.
HUH?
WHAT DO WE DO?

WHY AREN'T YOU PREPARED?
YOU MUSTN'T APOLOGIZE!
KURUMI-SAN,
STOP APOLOGIZING!

STOP STANDING ROOTED TO THE SPOT. THAT'S PATHETIC.
FOREST FIRES ARE BY ALL MEANS IMAGINABLE, AREN'T THEY?
SO, WHY WEREN'T YOU PREPARED?
Step

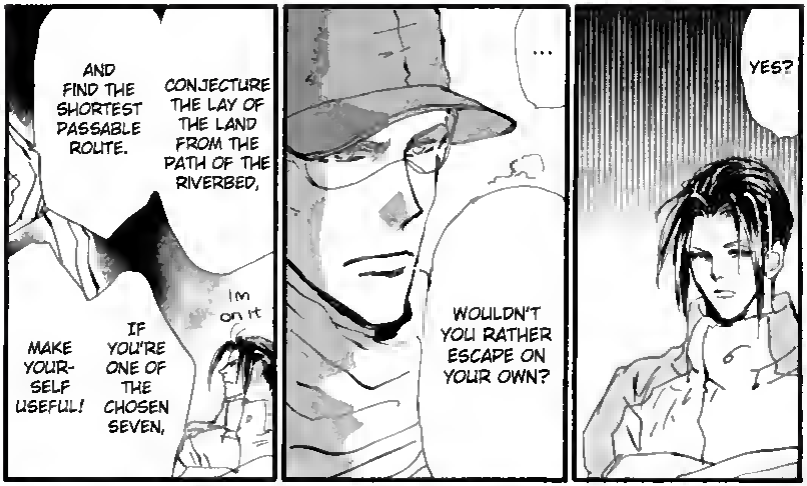

I'M A MEMBER OF TEAM SUMMER B.
MY NAME IS MOZU.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?



KANAME-SAN...?!
Your voice is the same.
BUT IS IT YOU...?
MOZU-NOTO...
KANAME.
YOU LOOK QUITE DIFFERENT.
There's a thief among them.
His name is Semimaru, I think. We're not going to share our stuff with you.
TEAM SUMMER B?
I'M THE ONLY ONE.
HOW MANY OF YOU ARE HERE?
YOU LET...
MAYU-CHAN DIE WITHOUT GIVING HELP.
folk
KANAME-SAN?!
KORURI?!
ONE OF THE TEACHERS AT YOUR FACILITY?!
HUH?!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT!
TAKE OFF RIGHT AWAY!
KORURI!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
AND LEAD THE WAY!
CONFIRM FROM THE AIR HOW MATTERS STAND.
SO WHAT?
LISTEN, MISTER.
UM...
MAYU IS GOING TO CRY.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF.
SO FLYING WOULD BE DANGER-OUS.
SHE TOLD ME THAT THE WIND WAS GUSTY,
WATCH YOUR STEP!
GEN-GORO!

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE REPERCUSSIONS?!
THESE GUYS BITE, AND THEY'RE POISONOUS.
DO YOU WANT TO TREAD INTO IT?
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT?!
UH...
AN ANT-HILL...
Who is that guy?!
WHAT ...?
DR. BAN-CHAN WAS...
Crap
DON'T FRIGHTEN THE PREGNANT GIRL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CRYING?
BAN!
NIJIKO!


YES?
...
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER ESCAPE ON YOUR OWN?
AND FIND THE SHORTEST PASSABLE ROUTE.
CONJECTURE THE LAY OF THE LAND FROM THE PATH OF THE RIVERBED,
I'm on it
MAKE YOUR-SELF USEFUL!
IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHOSEN SEVEN,

ARE WE...
IS IT NOT OVER YET?
STILL IN THE MIDDLE...
OF THAT TEST?

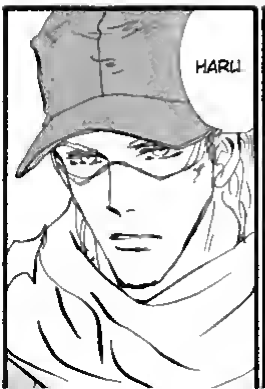
KORU-RI!
GET A MOVE ON!
MAYU IS WATCHING YOU!
STEP
SLAP

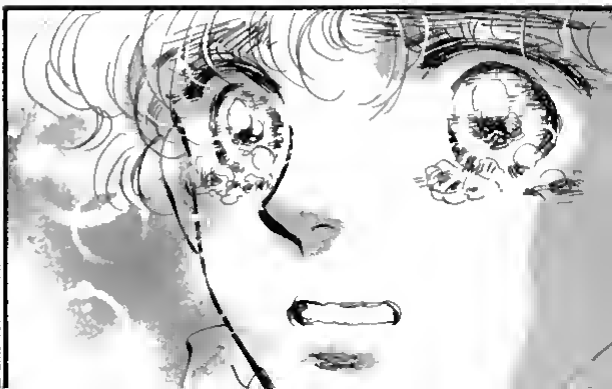
GR
AB
WHOOSH
WELL, THEN!
Huh?
DARN.
HE BLOCKED ME.

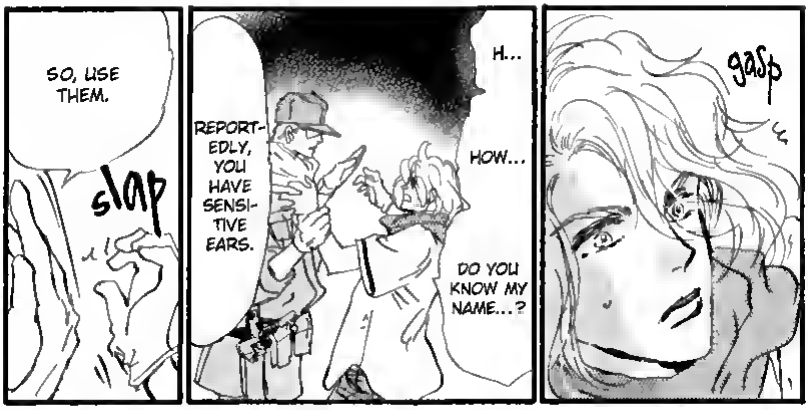
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, OLD MAN.
NOW LISTEN,

SO, DON'T YOU SPEAK OF HER!

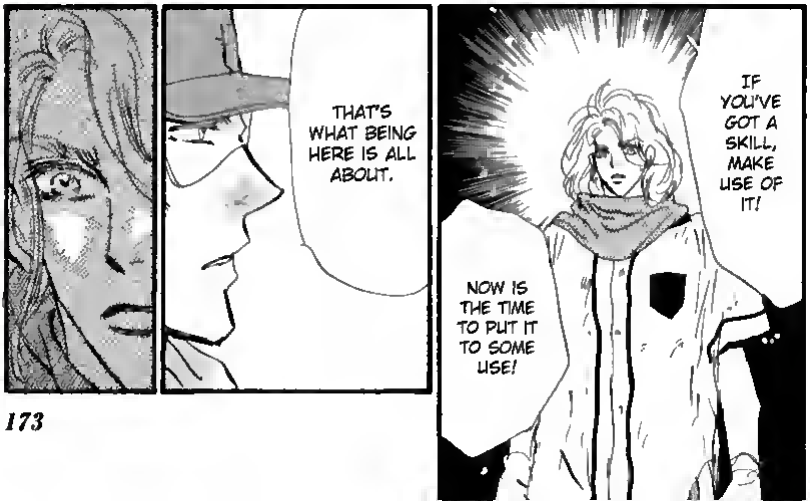
BUT MAYU-CHAN IS KORURI'S FRIEND.
SHE'S WITH HER EVEN NOW!


HARU




SO, USE THEM.
slap
REPORT-EDLY, YOU HAVE SENSI-TIVE EARS.
H...
HOW...
DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...?
gasp

LISTEN TO THE SOUND OF THE BURNING TREES AND GRASS,
AS WELL AS THE ESCAPING ANIMALS...
AND THEIR FOOT-STEPS!
LISTEN TO THE WIND, AND THE COURSE OF THE FIRE!
LISTEN TO THE FLOW OF THE AIR!
woof
woof

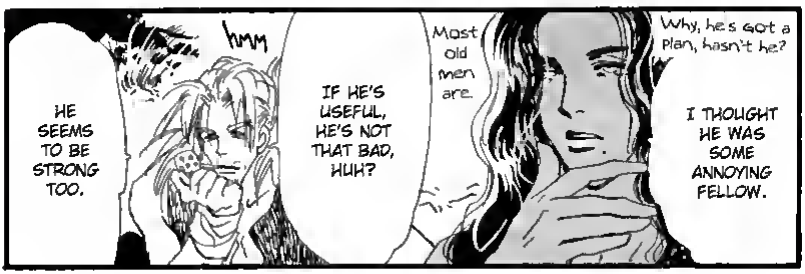

THAT'S WHAT BEING HERE IS ALL ABOUT.
IF YOU'VE GOT A SKILL, MAKE USE OF IT!
NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT IT TO SOME USE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MOVE!
NOW LISTEN,
UM,
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, OLD MAN?
I'M NOT SOME GENIUS.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU'RE A FOOL...
FOR TELLING HER TO FLY AROUND IN THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION!
THE SAME GOES FOR KORURI.
TRUE, WE WERE OFF OUR GUARDS,
AND WE PANICKED.
BUT THAT'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO SNAP AT US LIKE THAT, IS IT?!

WE JOINED FORCES...
IN THIS WORLD,
AND WE'VE FOUGHT THROUGH IT!
SO, DON'T POP UP ALL OF A SUDDEN,
AND TALK SO BIG, OLD MAN!
COMPLIMENTING ME...
WAS KIND OF YOU, I GUESS?

KURUMI,
NEVER MIND.
SIT IN HERE.
APPARENTLY, YOU'RE QUICK-WITTED TOO.
I'M GOING TO CARRY YOU ON MY BACK.
Did you get a good rest?

LET'S CLIMB DOWN HERE
WE CAN'T TAKE THE WAGONS,
SO ONLY TAKE THE STUFF YOU CAN CARRY.
IT LEADS TO THE OCEAN.
AS SOON AS YOU CALM DOWN AND FEEL READY TO GO...
back-pack converted into a rack
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.


HE SEEMS TO BE STRONG TOO.
hmm
IF HE'S USEFUL, HE'S NOT THAT BAD, HUH?
Most old men are.
Why, he's got a plan, hasn't he?
I THOUGHT HE WAS SOME ANNOYING FELLOW.

IT'S OKAY...
TO SAY NO.
HARU ...
YOU SURPRISED ME...
THAT WAS AMAZ-ING...
I'M SORRY, KORURI.
HARU ...
I WANTED TO BEAT HIM UP FOR YOU.
I've never done it before.

IT'S OKAY...
TO SAY...
THAT SOMETHING CAN'T BE DONE.
OF COURSE IT'S OKAY.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DO THINGS THAT ARE UNPLEASANT, NOW WOULD YOU?
Did you intend to take off?!
MAYU-CHAN PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE...
SO, IF WE DIDN'T DO AS TOLD,

KANAME-SAN WAS OF A MORE SLENDER BUILD, WASN'T HE?
What's all this about?
IT SEEMS HE AGED QUITE A BIT...

He's tall.
ALL RIGHT.
OKAY ...
THANK YOU.
TELL ME IF YOUR CONDITION GETS WORSE.
We're going to take breaks every now and then.
I MUST BE HEAVY.
THAT'S NOT A PROB-LEM.
Can we trust him?

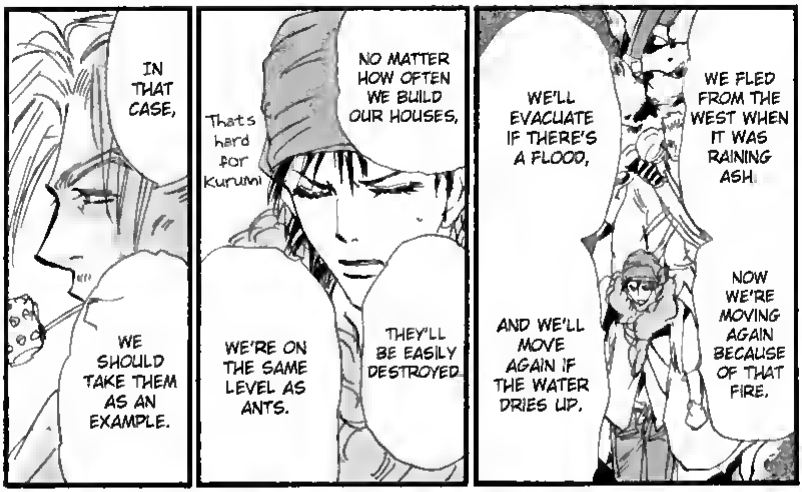
DID HE IGNORE THE FACT THAT ANGO-KUN AND RYO-KUN AREN'T HERE?
NOTHING ESCAPES HIM.

IF ANGO-KUN WAS HERE...
IT'D HAVE BEEN INTERESTING.

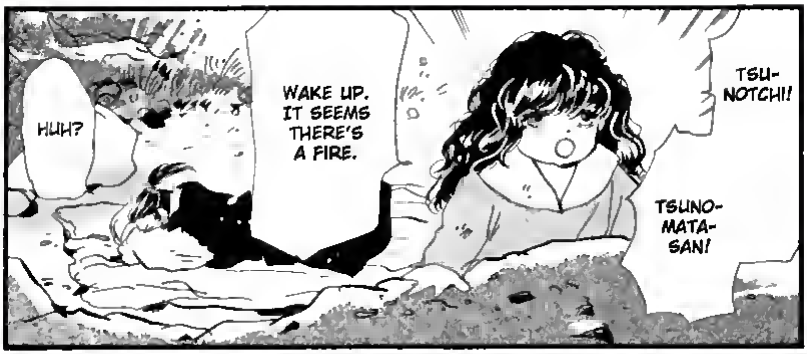
I FIGURED ...
THAT HANA DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE ATTACKED HIM.

tee hee
HARU,
YOU'VE BECOME TOUGH.
Weren't you against violence?
THAT'S NOT IT.

I HAVE TO KEEP UP...
HER PRINCIPLES.
LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT, KORURI
gggZ
Thank you.
WE'RE ...
LIKE ANTS.
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN THEY BUILD THEIR ANTHILL,
IT'S EASILY DESTROYED.


IN THAT CASE,
WE SHOULD TAKE THEM AS AN EXAMPLE.
Thats hard for Kurumi
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN WE BUILD OUR HOUSES,
WE'RE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS ANTS.
THEY'LL BE EASILY DESTROYED.
WE'LL EVACUATE IF THERE'S A FLOOD,
AND WE'LL MOVE AGAIN IF THE WATER DRIES UP.
WE FLED FROM THE WEST WHEN IT WAS RAINING ASH.
NOW WE'RE MOVING AGAIN BECAUSE OF THAT FIRE.

WE SHOULD BUILD OUR HOME OVER AND OVER AGAIN,
WITHOUT GETTING TIRED OF IT.



WE SHOULD ACT BEFORE WE CAN SEE THE FIRE.
YAWN
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO EVACU-ATE?
I have the feeling that this area is in danger

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たむたむだ

Tamu.

さて
いきなりですが
みなさん
いい枕に
出会ってますか？

わたしは
困ってます

だいぶ以前は
こういう
低反発の枕と
使ってて

けっこう
いい感じ
だったのですが

マットレスを
低反発にしたところ

それが
合わなくなって
しまいました。

それ以来

まくらよ～

枕さがしの旅と
なっています

そもそも枕というのは
フラットな場所に置かれるつもりで作られているらしく
でもマコトしえが沈むヨイつの場合
大げさにいうとこういうことになってしまうわけで
そうなると枕が合わないんです
いろいろ試してみたけどどれもダメ
(含うんは含うんだろうけど)
もう枕なんかなくていいやいと そのまま寝たりしてみても
いキー
今度は肩が痛くなる
いや四十肩五十肩かもしれんが
ストレッチをしよう
私の頭の形が悪いのか!?
今はもうなんだかヨガをまるめてゲリすごすという毎日に
私は首を変えたい!!
これはもうマコトしえを変えた方がいいのかもしれません
難しいのう…
みなさんはどうぞ快眠にてお過ごしください!
これから寒くなるしぬくぬくでね
ではではまた
これからもどうぞよろしくお願いします!!
田村由美♡
カゼんかないように!!